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In Loving Memory Of Alyson Perez

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A look back at July – Sept Activities



This July OR-1 said farewell to SgtMaj Owens.

SgtMaj, thank you for your genuine generosity, guidance and ambassadorship. The members of our chapter are filled with gratitude for your ability to ensure that we are represented as a valued force multiplier of the City of Portland as well as Salem. Family events, veteran safety briefs, burial details, Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations and supporting us during times of sorrow and times of celebration reflect great credit upon your command and the Marine Corps. Sergeant Major Larry E. Owens, you will always be an honorary member of the sisterhood.





l-r: Jacqueline Caputi, SgtMaj Owens, Rosy Macias, Marygene Smith





OR-1 members Rosy Macias and SSgt Jeanique LaCour attended the Change of Command for Sergeant Major Larry Owens, Inspector-Instructor Sergeant Major for 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics.



Semper Fi

HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY

To our Marine sister Hattie Kelley





Gary Brannan provided one of our **"Because She Served"** roses for Hattie. The Chapter provided the lovely & delicious cake!



OR-1 Chapter members l-r: Rosy Macias, Cristina Peralta, Sally Van Wie, Heidi Tanada, Marygene Smith, and Sam Hang joined Hattie on her special day.



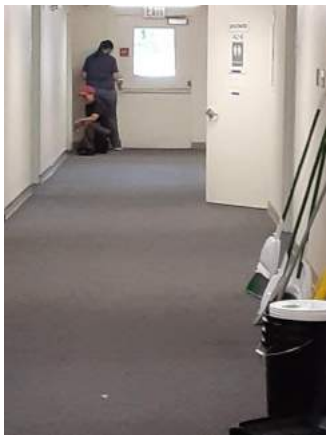
A group of Hattie's family members and neighborhood friends helped to celebrate her on a beautiful, sunny day!





Tanner Project– Salem, Or.—Vice President Rosy Macias coordinated the efforts of our OR-1 members who helped with renovating the facility for the 1st male & female Veterans Transitional Housing in Salem. Veterans will be able to stay up to two years and receive 24-hr on-site support.





Sam & Amanda working on a hallway.

Day 1 crew l-r: LE Amanda Hang, President Sam Hang, Treasurer Marygene Smith and Vice President Rosy Macias are ready for action!!









And of course, the ever-present face masks & social distancing during Covid19!!



A typical room—many have private bathrooms. We taped and spackled rooms before painting and also scrubbed toilets.

TANNER Project

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MWVCAA'S ARCHES PROJECT IS EXCITED TO SHARE IT HAS BEEN AWARDED A VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT FOR 29 *MALE AND FEMALE LOW BARRIER TRANSITIONAL BEDS.*

TANNER PROJECT WILL OFFER A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE FOR UP TO 24 MONTHS WHILE OFFERING ON SITE *SUPPORTIVE SERVICES* ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, PERMANENT HOUSING AND RE-INTEGRATION.

LOW BARRIER BEDS ARE GREATLY NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THIS PROJECT WITH YOU !

Here's how you can help :

For more information contact:
Sara Webb, MSW CSWA
Program Manager – Veteran Services
503-881-1695
sara.webb@mwvcaa.org

DONATE SUPPLIES

Shampoo	Twin blankets
Conditioner	Twin sheets
Body wash/bar of soap	Bath towels
Razors	Hand towels
Shaving cream	Washcloths
Deodorant	Bath mats
Feminine hygiene	Shower shoes
Nail trimmers	Dish soap
Socks	Laundry Soap

Supplies and financial donations:
615 Commercial St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Sponsor a room

Twin sized blanket
Twin sized sheets
2 bath towels
2 hand towels
2 washcloths
Bath mat
Room decorations

Don't want to shop?
$300 will sponsor a room
$500 will sponsor a room with furniture

OR1 Lady Marine Rose had a busy September with our 1st official volunteering opportunity since COVID19 started.

Salem, Oregon will soon have their 1st All-Veterans Transitional Housing, and this housing will also have rooms for those veterans with children.

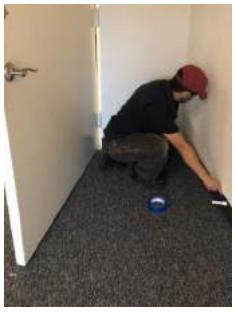
While the building is in good condition, there's still a lot to get done. OR-1 members cleaned and prepped the inside of the building for painting. We are excited to support and be part of projects like this in our community.



What are you doing with that tape, Marygene?

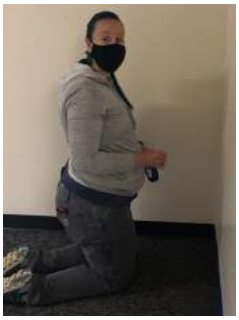






Looks like President Sam Hang is taking her job very seriously.

Vice President Rosy Macias preparing her work station to start painting.



Our newest Loyal Escort Amanda Hang working hard to get the rooms ready.





Susana Hans working on her master piece.



Michelle Malik getting some help from her youngest daughter.

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Program Description

The VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD) is a transitional housing program where the VA partners with community agencies to provide services to homeless Veterans. All Veterans enrolled in GPD will need to enroll in the VA Portland Healthcare System.

In this program clients will work to:

- Find stable and permanent housing
- Increase skill levels and/or income
- Obtain greater self-determination and self-sufficiency
- Address mental health, physical health and substance use issues

Program Minimum Eligibility

- Programs will accept other than honorable discharges (no dishonorable discharge)
- Veteran must be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Cannot have open warrants
- Must be able to manage activities of daily living (mobility, eating, dressing, bathing, etc)
- Must be able to live in a mixed use space
- No predatory criminal history (ie: sex offences, stalking, kidnapping)

Program Structure Highlights

- Full time clinician managing the program
- Behavior focused program based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy strategies
- 29 bed program
    - 19 male and 10 female
    - 5 bridge to housing (approved for a voucher and waiting on an apartment)
    - 5 service intensive (job search, treatment, etc. required)
    - 19 low barrier (no requirements)
- 24 hour facility
- 2 staff members on sight at all times
- On-site services provided
    - Mental health
    - Substance use
    - Group (mental health, support, etc.)
    - Case management
    - Peer support
- Established community partnerships and support

For any additional questions about the program please feel free to reach out to Sara Webb at 503-881-1695 or sara.webb@mwvcaa.org

ARCHES Homelessness, Stable Housing, Self-Sufficiency

Mid-Willamette Valley COMMUNITY ACTION Compassion in Motion

Lady Marine Rose "Wildfire Relief Project" —

As many of you know by now, the recent wildfires have left many of our Oregon community members homeless or in financial distress. Our chapter immediately started gathering much needed items and monetary donations to support those communities.

On September 23rd, a week after the wildfires left the town of Gates looking like a war-zone site, President Sam Hang, Vice President Rosy Macias, member Marcelle Abel and LE Amanda Hang delivered a truckload of donations to one of the Wildfire Relief centers in Gates. While they were volunteering at the donation center, they realized that no one was thinking about the children. Yes, they had clothing and some basic school supplies, but no one was collecting toys and books for the children to lift their spirits.



Member Marcell Abel helping unload the truck at Gates Community Church



President Sam Hang picking up donations that member Golda Fabian has collected for our Wildfire Relief efforts

What's left of a home in Gates, Oregon



With the help of Marion County Toys for Tots, Salvation Army Back to School Program, Salem Vet Center, Salem Marine Recruiters & RS HQ Marines, we were able to organize a big Toy Giveaway as well as backpacks full of school supplies.



President Sam Hang, Vice President Rosy Macias and OR1 member Raquel Gaspar with those that made this day possible



Raquel Gaspar Barker with a few Marines helping the kids decide which toy to pick

Check out our 3 awesome fundraising opportunities: Auto Litter Bags, Marine T-shirts, and "BECAUSE SHE SERVED" roses!!!

#1. History of the Auto Litter Bags– In May of 2011, **Golda Fabian** had purchased a bag that was made from cloth at a local bazaar event. The bag was re-usable, but small. Golda suggested to the Chapter to make something like this to help with the cost of the annual scholarships that we give out. **Sally Van Wie** took the bag home and redesigned the one-piece bag to make it adaptable to become the "Auto Litter" bag we now make today. **Heidi Tanada** started an assembly line of making many of the bags each week. Today, more than 1500 bags have been made by these dedicated members! The chapter has been making them for more than 11 years as a fundraiser for the annual scholarships we give out!

In the past, our Chapter ladies have spent countless hours at bazaars and various convention events selling these litter bags. We have them in a wide variety of fabrics including military, college & pro football teams, animal designs, etc. These bags can be used in your car (hanging from the glovebox) or next to your favorite lounge chair! They make great birthday or Christmas gifts!! **Contact us if you are interested in purchasing some of these awesome litter bags.** Email:

OR1@womenmarines.org



The bags are a roomy 9"x9" with a weighted strap to hang the bag.



The strap is detachable and the bags are washable 100% cotton.

Below are samples of some of the fabrics that are available.











#2. Etsy T-shirts –

WE NOW HAVE MARINE BROTHERHOOD SHIRTS also!







Many of our Marine brothers have asked us several times to make some Brotherhood shirts and that's exactly what we have done. You can now buy these shirts via our etsy page or send us an email and we can send you an invoice via Square.

https://www.etsy.com/shop/or1ladymarinerose

Email: OR1@womenmarines.org

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#3. "Because She Served" roses–

Please continue to support our biggest fundraiser by buying or gifting one of our roses to a friend or love one.

https://www.heirloomroses.com/because-she-servedr.html



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT....Then and Now

OR-1 Lady Marine Rose chapter has some amazing, interesting members, but due to the nature of our organization, we don't get a chance to meet each other very often. The Member Spotlight section is a way to learn more about each other. I hope to highlight one or more of our members each quarter.

Please send me a short bio with the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why) of your time in the Corps and afterwards, plus a picture in uniform if possible, as well as a current one —

Email: marygenesmith@yahoo.com

Photo by Barbara Sherman.



Golda Fabian

Ninety-seven years ago, Golda Fabian was born to a logger and his wife who lived in Grand Ronde, Or, but she was not just a small-town girl...she had an adventurous spirit. She was ahead of her time, joining the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and fighting discrimination against women in the military and throughout her career.

Golda, one of five children, had polio when she was 2 years old, and when she was 11, she spent three months at the Shriners' hospital in Portland to have corrective surgery on her right leg. Years later, a military doctor conducting a boot camp physical exam said she could not remain in the Marine Corps because one foot and leg were a little smaller from the polio although she had passed the entrance physical exam. "He told me to wait for my discharge orders, and I started crying," Golda said. "He sent me to the chaplain, who told me, 'There's a war on.' I kept doing my drills and classes and never heard any more about it."

"Before I enlisted, I had gone as far as I could at work, and I was always kind of adventurous," Golda said. "I felt I wasn't doing enough to help the war effort in my job... and I have always loved uniforms. Since I have always been competitive, if I was going into the service, I wanted to go into the one that was the most difficult to get into."

Golda enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on March 2, 1944, and left for boot camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on April 28, 1944, where she quickly learned that the men did not want to deal with "petticoat Marines." While the training was not nearly as rigorous as the regimen today, "it was pretty formidable," Golda said. "The first week I thought I was going to die, and the second week I was hoping I would." In addition to classes, there was close-order drill and physical-endurance training, and Golda added, "The gas chamber drill was the worst experience, and all of us remember that one vividly!"



Golda Fabian (middle row, sixth from left) is shown with the other female Marine Corps recruits on March 2, 1944, after they arrived at boot camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

After boot camp, Golda was assigned to two weeks of mess duty, cleaning trays and the mess hall from morning to night while enduring high temperatures and humidity. Next she was assigned to the Marine base in San Diego and went to the Sound Motion Picture Technicians School at the adjacent Navy base. "When we had completed the course, the officer in charge told us that we were all competent enough to work in any theater in the U.S. except, he added, 'You women would never be hired because it is considered a man's job.'" There were no openings in theater, so Golda was assigned to the post office at the Marines Air Depot at Miramar, California. "I was assigned to the directory service in the base post office, which is where I worked until I was discharged," she said. "The base was the processing point for all Marine Corps air personnel going to the South Pacific and coming back to the states for reassignment. Consequently, there was a constant flow of mail going both ways, which had to be readdressed to each recipient."

In July 1945, Golda was swimming in the base pool and broke her right arm while diving from the 3-meter board. Although she was officially in the sick bay until the war ended, she was assigned the duty of cleaning the women's rest rooms after a Navy nurse told her, "You've got a good left arm so you are in charge of the head." Golda added, "When I wasn't polishing mirrors and cleaning toilets, they gave me capsules to fill with a medical powder and bandages to roll."

I had been promoted to PFC on Sept. 13, 1945, and my pay at the time of my discharge was $54 a month. I received my honorable discharge on Nov. 23, 1945. Remembering her time in the service, Golda said, "It was one of the best times of my life, and the pride I felt in wearing the Marine Corps uniform is indescribable." (excerpted from a recent article in Tigard Life).

Member Birthdays for this Quarter--
Oct—Dec, 2020



Oct —	Kristi Tindall	Oct 4
	Alyson Perez--RIP, Marine sister	Oct 7
	Marygene Smith	Oct 19
	Nancy Cody	Oct 24
	Beatrice Wagner	Oct 24
	Cristina Cernusak	Oct 29
Nov —	Patricia Whiteman	Nov 8
	Ester Bish	Nov 8
	Sam Hang	Nov 28
	Sandra Spatz-Wiszneauckas	Nov 29
Dec —	Lela Mediary	Dec 3
	Sarina Criswell	Dec 13
	Rebekah Soriano	Dec 29

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday…..
and many, many more!!

WMA OR-1 MONTHLY MEETING

Our Chapter meets on the 4th Saturday of each month at 11:00AM unless there is a holiday or other event, in which case we will change the date and time and post it on our fb page. Due to Covid 19, meetings are currently being done virtually on Zoom.

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Oct 24th meeting—

This month will be a **Zoom** meeting.

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Instructions for logging on will be sent to members in an email and on our fb page.



Nov 28th meeting—info TBA

Time & Place will depend on the Covid19 situation at that time.

Dec 26th meeting—info TBA

Time & Place will depend on the Covid19 situation at that time.

To stay up to date with what our chapter is doing, please check out our Facebook page .

https://www.facebook.com/womenmarinesassociationOR1chapter/

And if you have not seen our new website, please follow this link and let us know what you think, we would love to hear from you on ways that we can improve.

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If you have a story or a topic that you would like to be included in our next quarterly newsletter, please send an email to: **marygenesmith@yahoo.com**