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**Flying Leathernecks Requesting Nominations for 2014
Irene Ferguson Marine Wife Recognition Award**

Award is Open to Outstanding Marine Corps Wives in the Southwest Region

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation and Aviation Museum is requesting nominations for the 2014 Irene Ferguson Marine Wife Award; nominations are due to FLHF by March 28, 2014.

The award was created by Maj. Glenn Ferguson, USMC, retired, who felt that Marine wives were not recognized for the important work they do to support their families.

“My wife’s passing gave me pause to reflect on the nearly six and a half wonderful decades we shared together. In doing so, I realized that in all the museums I had visited, all the parks I had walked through, and all the buildings I had been in, none included a tribute honoring the life of commitment and sacrifice made by service wives in support of their husbands,” said Ferguson. “Their men frequently left for distant lands where they usually lead busy lives; sometimes in exciting or dangerous times. Unsung were the wives left behind. These steadfast women nurtured and educated their children, cared for them in times of sickness, and soothed their fears when daddy was gone. There are no medals or monuments to attest to their trials, tribulations, and victories.”

The Irene Ferguson Marine Wife Recognition Award is presented each year to a Marine wife, whose husband is currently on active duty, located in the Southwest Region of the United States. Nominations should be submitted for United States Marine Corps wives recognized for their strength of character, personal sacrifice and commitment to family, community, and country. Nominations may be submitted by supporting agencies but may not be submitted by Nominee’s Husband and/or Command. Applications will be accepted and reviewed by the Award Committee appointed by the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation.

For full list of requirements and to nominate a deserving Marine wife, visit www.flyingleathernecks.org.

About The Foundation

The Foundation actively supports the operation of the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar Command Museum (Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum) located on MCAS Miramar. We accomplish the mission by providing a volunteer base to support day-to-day operations and by providing financial support to augment austere DoD budgets.

About the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

The Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum (FLAM) has undergone a rigorous certification process and is one of only three certified Marine Corps Command Museums. The FLAM is the only museum in the world dedicated to the primary purpose of preserving the history of U.S. Marine Corps aviation and boasts a collection of more than forty vintage aircraft, a library with extensive research materials, photos, video, valuable memorabilia and artifacts.

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