



This ceremony honors all services with grateful appreciate for the service of those who have served or are serving!

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

#### **The Marine Memorial Association Officers:**

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Wreath provided by the Women Marines Association CO-1

Please visit our website to view the envisioned remodel of the US Marine Corps Memorial. We have formed the USMC Memorial Foundation to raise funds for the remodel and ask that you donate as you are able toward this effort at

[www.USMCMemorialFoundation.org](http://www.USMCMemorialFoundation.org)

and to view info on the current memorial and to donate to the maintenance and flag program which is always needed go to

[www.usmarinecorpsmemorial.com](http://www.usmarinecorpsmemorial.com)

## **U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Golden, Colorado**



***Golden's first Community  
Landmark approved by the  
Golden City Council***



**Dedicated in 1977**

**U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Louis H. Wilson Jr. dedicated the memorial to Marines of all eras, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation's freedom.**

## **COLONEL SHEILA M. Q. SCANLON, USMC (Ret)**

Colonel Scanlon was born in Rochester, NY and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. After completion of the Basic School and the Administrative Officer's Course, she was assigned to the following locations: Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, AZ, where she held billets as: Personnel Officer, Adjutant, and Legal Officer; 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan, where she held billets as Adjutant, Manpower Officer, and Personnel Office; Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA, where she held billets as Adjutant and Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company; returned to Okinawa, Japan and assumed the duties as S-1 Officer for 3d Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group; Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand as the Joint Task Force Adjutant; G-1A for III Marine Expeditionary Force; 1st Marine Aircraft Wing as the G-1 Manpower Officer; Field Command, Defense Special Weapons Agency Albuquerque, NM, as the Chief, National Programs Branch of the Arms Control Division, working the Cooperative Threat Program with the Former Soviet Union and the USMC Element Commander; Marine Forces Atlantic Command, Norfolk, VA, as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1; and Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA. She was promoted to Colonel on 1 July 2002.

She attended National War College and received a Master's Degree in National Security Strategy and was assigned: as the Commander, Western Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, Denver, CO; Marine Corps Bases Japan as the AC/S G-1 and Chief of Staff; and the University of Colorado, at Boulder as CO of the NROTC Unit, and as the Professor of Naval Science. She then deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, for one year, assigned to the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan, Combined Security Command Afghanistan. Her duties entailed being the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior for Administration and Support, the Senior Advisor the Director of Gender, Human Rights, and Children and as the Senior Marine. After retirement, Col Scanlon returned to Afghanistan as a Department of Defense civilian and worked as the Gender Advisor to the Ministry of Defense and Afghan National Army. Upon completion of that assignment, she went to work for the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe as the Team Leader in Odessa, Ukraine. She currently works for the University of Colorado at Boulder as an Instructor in the International Affairs Dept.

Her personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit with one star, Meritorious Service Medal with one star, the Navy Marine Commendation Medal with two stars, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Distinguished Rifle Marksmanship Badge. Colonel Scanlon is one of only a few women Marines to earn this award. Colonel Scanlon retired from the USMC in October 2011 after 32 years of service.

## **PRESENT THE COLORS**

1<sup>st</sup> Colorado Regiment, Young Marines

Going Home - Bagpipes – Ken Geise

Going Home is a famous tune played on the bagpipes at both military and civilian funerals. The tune signifies exactly what the title says - That no matter where in the world you die, you always go home to your birth country - Scotland.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Young Marine PFC Cora Chavez (Poudre River Young Marines)

## **POST THE COLORS**

**INVOCATION** – Mark Eckhout, Windsor Marines

**WELCOME** - Marine Memorial Association President, Tom Krueger

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**COLONEL SHEILA M. Q. SCANLON, USMC (Ret)**



## **SPECIAL HONORS PRESENTED**

**RENDER THE HONORS RIFLE SALUTE**  
American Legion Post 1992 All Veteran Honor Guard

**TAPS**  
Sgt Peavler, USMC

**AMAZING GRACE**  
Ken Giese

**DOVE RELEASE**  
Emerald Glen Doves

## **BENEDICTION**

**RETIRE THE COLORS/MARINE CORPS HYMN**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**2018 is the 100-year anniversary of women in the Marine Corps serving in WWI and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women becoming a permanent part of the Marine Corps Feb 13, 1943**

**TODAY WE ARE PAYING SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE TO**

**SarahJanae ThiKimLien Shepherd  
22 June 1996 – 14 September 2017**

SarahJanae ThiKimLien Shepherd was born in Tuy Hoa, PhuYen Province, Republic of Vietnam, on June 22, 1996. In March 1997, her sister JulieMarie Shepherd and mother Lucky Clark flew to Vietnam to have Sarah join their family and bring her home to Aurora, Colorado. She attended Vassar Elementary School, Aurora Hills Middle School, Aurora Quest K-8, Hinkley High School (freshman and senior years), Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO (sophomore and junior years), and graduated from Aurora Community College. She attended Faith Presbyterian Church in Aurora.

In her early years Sarah was involved in dance, gymnastics, and 4-H. She later participated in school sports (swimming, basketball, track, wrestling) and music (essentially teaching herself to play the cello and flute). She was an active volunteer in the community through involvement in 4-H, Sunday School, National Honor Society, Young Marines, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Whiz Kids.

Sarah began official job searching when she turned 16. She first worked at Chuck E Cheese. She then worked several years for the City of Aurora at various community locations as a life guard, teacher and coach of swimming, and front desk receptionist. She liked those early morning hours so she could have the rest of the day free. She also worked the front desk at Highlands Ranch Community Association.

On **13 February 2015** Sarah took her oath of enlistment into the United States Marine Corps and in June headed to Parris Island, SC, where, after 13 weeks of boot camp, she graduated as a PFC on 9/11/2015. She attended job training at Camp Lejeune, NC. She returned home to become part of the Combat Logistics Battalion 453 reserve unit at BAFB, with which she was able to do one Annual Training in June 2017, at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. She was posthumously honored with the Certificate of Commendation for “exceptional performance of her duties” there. On January 26, 2018, LCpl SarahJanae Shepherd was recognized at the Colorado House of Representatives on Military Appreciation Day.

As a Marine she was in supply; however, as a reservist she worked several months in fiscal at Buckley Air Force Base. Sarah also was a staff member at Buckley Field Young Marines. Sarah began her first full time “adult” job at Bonfils Blood Bank in July 2017. She had completed and passed her nine-week training as a phlebotomist the day she died.

Sarah had a light-hearted, fun spirit which lives on today. She readily took the side of the underdog. She enjoyed helping and caring for her friends. And, oh, what a smile! Her motto likely would have been “Stay Classy!” Her name Sarah means princess, which she considered herself; Janae means blessing, which countless others consider her to be.

Some of her favorite things (not in rank order) that many will remember about her include reading, tattoos, pandas, Starbucks, swimming, Michael Kors, makeup (and makeup and makeup), eating out, shopping, her motorcycle (and her cars), social media, friends, her dog Alvin (now attached to her sister), and international travel. Over the years she had expressed a desire to someday visit Vietnam. Last year she made it to two of her chosen destinations: Switzerland and San Francisco.

SarahJanae is predeceased by a brother Christopher (Hoa) Shepherd, her grandmother Peggy Shepherd, and a cousin Michael Wilburn. She is survived by her mother Royce Elaine (Lucky) Shepherd Clark and a sister JulieMarie A. Shepherd Macklin and brother-in-law Michael Macklin.