



Wednesday, March 22

From 6:30 pm to 7:45

Meet author **Janet Barrett** as she talks about her favorite character who while serving with a Marine infantry in Korea from October, 1952 to July, 1953 received two Purple Hearts, A Good Conduct Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation with Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for members of the Fifth Regiment.

Free event at Ives Main Library

Author Janet Barrett provides this humorous, insightful glimpse into the life of Reckless, the only horse to ever to achieve the rank of Marine Corps sergeant. Reckless, discovered on a South Korean race track, became an invaluable partner during the height of the Korean War. Braving enemy fire, rough terrain, and with heavy cargo on her back, [Reckless](#) delivered much needed materials and equipment to her fellow Marines. A Jeju pony, *not* a Mongolian mare, as others have described her, Reckless' strength, bravery, and perseverance made an enormous difference and a lasting impact on all those who served with her. Though small in stature, Reckless had a big personality and an even larger appetite (beer, cupcakes, cookies, and mess hall food included) that provided emotional as well as physical support to her buddies throughout her nine months in combat.

Part soldier, part mascot, she proudly served alongside her Marines, later earning two Purple Hearts for her unwavering courage under fire.

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