



MCLA NEWS

Be Excited, Encourage, Invite and Be Thankful!

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From the Desk of the National President

Greetings Ladies!

Greetings to each of you our Members! You are important to the function of this Auxiliary. Please pass on the motto to your Units and Departments – **BE ENTHUSIASTIC, ENCOURAGE, INVITE AND BE THANKFUL!**

By now September has come and gone. I know that many of you had opportunities to participate in a remembrance ceremony or memorial service for the victims of the 9-11 incident that happened 14 years ago. That is a tragedy this generation will never forget and one we should teach to the next generation so perhaps we can avoid history repeating itself. Always remember to pray for our active duty military personnel (especially our MARINES) and pray for the healing both physically and emotionally of those who have returned from war.

October – Fall is here! By now all Units and Departments should have sent in your transmittals for all Life Members, Life Associate Members, all renewing Members and all renewing Associate Members. Thank You and Congratulations to those who have completed this mission at this time. I encourage all who are waiting to send in your transmittals to go ahead and send in the renewals you have at this point and as your members renew, send them in quickly. It is important to have this part of our work accomplished as quickly as possible as this helps with meeting our budget each year.

November is quickly approaching and you need to consider scheduling your Veterans' Day memorials. Also, it is time to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday, November 10. If there are no memorials or celebrations in your area, you have time to plan one. Even if it is only a few of the Unit members and League members getting together for a dinner celebration for the birthday, you can pull that together. The local Unit and Detachment can possibly be the first in your community to begin a Veterans' Day parade and/or memorial service if the community does not have one. If there is a local VA Hospital, you can get a group together and go there to remember those who have given much for our freedom.

I am only an e-mail or phone call away if you need your National President for any reason. I am glad to be of service to this Auxiliary in this capacity and would like you to remember that this is your organization. We can only be what we put into our meetings, activities and voluntary services.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National President



From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Here we are again, sliding into the end of the year. I am hopeful that many of you have considered attending the Mid Winter Staff meeting in 2016. It is a great learning experience for all of those who are interested in moving through the chairs at the Unit, Department, Division, and National levels.

As your Sr. Vice, I will be hosting the Presidents Council at Mid Winter and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will share ideas and help each other learn.

As you go about your day, please take time to remember our Veterans, Active Duty Personnel and their families.

Thanks to each of you for all you do.

Semper Fidelis,

*Karen Aune,
Nat'l Sr. Vice President*

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

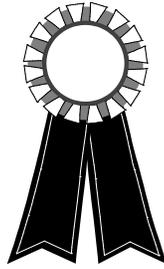
I would like to begin with some housekeeping items from my term as National Judge Advocate. There were a few changes to our Administrative Procedures and forms approved at National Convention. The AP amendments have been sent to the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League for his approval. Once approval has been received, the changes will be posted on our National Website. Please check the site regularly for updates.

In last month's newsletter, I made some suggestions for recruiting and retaining members. I hope some of these tips have been useful to you. At my unit's September meeting, we had two ladies attend as guests. One was invited by a member, Carol Christensen, who graciously and generously paid the first year's dues for her guest, and Kris Lambie was unanimously approved for membership. In a twist of irony, Kris' daughter, Paige, was one of my first grade students. She is now the Marine who made her mother eligible to join the Marine Corps League Auxiliary! Our other guest, whose husband is an active duty Marine, showed up on her own because she had heard about our great organization. I expect her to join within the month. The following week, Lisa Farmer, bar manager of the local American Legion, gave me a check for membership. Her father, John Hembrough, was in my high school class and lost a leg in Vietnam. I am sure that she will be approved for membership at our October meeting!

Please continue to promote the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in your communities, and, as always, thank you for your continuing service to our veterans and their families!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith
National Jr Vice President



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Michigan Cochran Unit

Department of MI

Past National President Virginia Johnson was recognized with great honors at the 2015 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at The Fountains Banquet Center in Parchment, MI on May 14, 2015.

PNP Virginia Johnson was “Top Awardee” for her continued volunteerism to our veterans as she was honored for 7,500 volunteer hours. Among the many friends that were there to celebrate with Virginia in this great accomplishment were Peggy and John Tuohy, Gerri Tuohy and Mary Brief.



John Tuohy, Peggy Tuohy, Virginia Johnson, Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief.



October NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT 2015



Mary Whitney* 8/2015 Holliday Unit, Florida Condolences to : Jeffery Whitney, 5351 James St. New Port Richey, Fl. 34652.

Prayers were requested for many members and family members this past month.

Sue and Jack Whitlock of the Shawnee Illinois Unit needed our prayers for their daughter Kelly who was hospitalized for her returning cancer issues.

Karen Shelton of the Stones River Unit in TN, wished to thank all members for thinking of her with cards when her father was in the hospital.

Stones River Unit member Sherry Culbertson has a Marine brother, Bruce Culbertson, who is in the last stages of renal disease. Prayers have been requested.

Lauree Dile, Life member of the Landis McCleaf Unit in PA will be having surgery in October for a brain aneurism. Please keep this dear lady in your prayers as she battles this health issue. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 4517 Skiff Ave., Lakeland, FL 33805.

Prayers were asked for Hardware City Unit member from Ct., Jackie Hicks. She had a leg infection but luckily is now home resting. Cards of cheer for her go to: 304 Derby Ave. Derby, CT. 06418.

Prayers were also requested for PNP Gurvis McNulty as she deals with good days and bad days. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: 13775 Chestnut Dr. Apt. 108, Eden Prairie. MN. 55344.

PCDD and MCLA member. Leanne Dietrich had to place her mom in a nursing home for a few weeks, as she was unable to walk. Just keep praying her therapy continues to work.

PNP Joyce Orr lost her husband in August. Our condolences to her and our prayers. 4170 24th Ave. Apt 159, Fort Gratiot, MI 48-59-3889 is her address for cards of encouragement. Joyce resides in an assisted living facility.

Nancy Lepore lost her mother in law. Nancy is a member of the Brass City Unit in CT. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Michael and Nancy Lepore, 2205 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT. 06033.

PNP Shirley Keyes mourns the passing of her brother-in-law. Her sister is Joan Miller. Cards of condolence may be sent to Joan at 337 Jefferson St. Connellsville, PA 15425 and to Shirley at 2541 Villanova Ct, Vienna, VA 22180.

Ann Burchell lost her husband, a dedicated Marine after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Cards of condolence may be sent to Ann at: 325 Harper Ave. Springfield, MO, 65802. Ann is a member of the Unit in Springfield.

Eileen Breen of the L/CPL Justin J Wilson Unit in Florida had knee surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through the rehab process. Cards of cheer may be sent to: 2336 NW Diamond Creek Way, Jensen Beach, FL. 34957-4433.

PNP Karen Washabaugh will be a blushing bride one of these days as she recently became engaged to Bill Wheeler. Cards of congratulations may be sent to Karen at 2616 SE 138 Loop, Vancouver, WA 98683-6608.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN PNP BARBARA NOBILE

ASSISTANT NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, MARY LOU WEBB





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