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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

I think all in attendance would agree that we had a wonderful, successful, informative, and fun Mid-Winter Conference! Those who attended National Sr. VP Evelyn Joppa's Presidents Council meeting gained ideas for encouraging members to participate. I know that Southern Division VP Terri Gothard used the ideas at her division conference upon returning home, and I look forward to my own Central Division Conference next week when Division Vice President Mary Brief will also use the ideas.



The Mardi Gras party on Friday evening provided a lot of laughs as we had a parade/musical chairs and Marine and Mardi Gras trivia contests. Our National Judge Advocate Dotty Sanning was lucky to be the recipient of the leftover decorations, beads, etc. for her unit meeting which was to be held on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) the following week.

At left, Evelyn Joppa (left) and Bernadine Blair jockey for the only seat available during the parade/musical chairs (and the music hadn't even stopped!).

Again, thank you to those individuals who provided food for the hospitality room in Fredericksburg. I would also like to offer my special thanks to the members of the Mickey Finn and Natalie Maas units in Virginia, and my own West Central Illinois Leathernecks unit. We had enough food to serve to attendees on Thursday evening and at noon on Friday. Leftover chips, buns, rolls, veggie trays, condiments, etc. were given to Mary's Shelter, this year's

3 Things.....

Without you, the member, there is no Units of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. There are 3 things each one of you are encouraged to do:

1. Attend monthly meetings;
 2. Recruit New Members & renew current Members;
 3. Volunteer
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Division Conferences:

Calling all Division Vice President's: Send in the Dates of when you're Division Conference to be listed here.

Central Division 2019 Convention

Dates: March 21st ~
March 24th Central
Division Conference

Place: Holiday Inn,
Rock Island Hotel &
Conference Center
226-17th Street, Rock
Island, IL

SOUTHERN DIVISION CONVENTION

MAR 21-24, 2019
LAWTON, OK
HOTEL INFO:
HILTON GARDEN INN
135 NW 2ND ST
1-580-280-2100

2019 Rocky Mountain Division Conference

Hotel: DoubleTree by
Hilton Greeley at Lincoln
Park

recipient of our Operation Little Angel program. The ladies were most appreciative.

Our next National event will be the National Convention to be held in Billings, Montana from August 4 to 11. For those driving, please keep in mind that the 2019 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will be taking place in South Dakota August 2 to 11. Hotel rooms are sometimes hard to find, as we learned when heading home from the National Convention held in Boise, Idaho a few years ago. I suggest you plan your trip and make your hotel reservations along the way at your earliest convenience.

A final note, I announced my intention to step down as your National President at the conclusion of the National Convention in August. I love the Auxiliary more than you will ever know; however, I feel very strongly that new leadership and fresh ideas will be best for all of us as we move forward. I look forward to continuing as your National President until then and will do my best to serve you with dignity, integrity, honor, and passion.

God bless each one of you for all that you do on behalf of our Marines, their families, and your communities.

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." -- Gen. James H. Doolittle

Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith
Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Mid-Winter Conference was productive and fun. The joint hospitality room was well done and well attended. It proved a great opportunity to visit with each other and enjoy the mass amounts of good food provided. The Mardi Gras Party organized by our President Carol Smith, for Friday evening provided a lot of laughs. Great Job, Carol.

The Department Presidents Council meeting was well attended. The program presented, gave a fun approach as to how we treat our volunteers and how valuable each volunteer is. Know your volunteer's passion and grow that passion. Thanks to Terri Gothard for the fine job of taking the minutes.

The breakfast to honor Madam President was held on Saturday morning. Most members present at the conference were on hand to thank our president Carol Smith for her all efforts.

It was wonderful to have several members attending Mid-Winter Conference for the first time.

I hope you will have the opportunity to attend the Division and Spring Conferences in your respective areas. These are wonderful opportunities to get

City: Greeley, CO
Date: 03-May to 05-May-2019

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National MCLA Website:
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new ideas and find out what is working for other units, recruiting volunteers and fundraising.

Be well, be safe, work hard and enjoy!

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” Helen Keller

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B Joppa
National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Here I am writing my April article looking out the window at a snow-covered yard and a thermometer telling me it is 25 degrees outside with a wind chill making it feel like 12...guess my spring flowers will be late this year.

My article this month is a snapshot of both the membership and 990 reports I presented at the Mid-Winter Conference, so those of you who were unable to attend will have a better idea of where we are with regard to our membership numbers.

Forty units, three (3) departments and two (2) divisions achieved 100% membership by the December 31st deadline.

As of December 31, 2018, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary had 2380 Members, 129 units and 17 Departments. While membership has decreased by 399 members since last June 30, we have increased both our regular and associate membership numbers by 117 (97 new regular members and 20 new associate members). Some units only missed achieving 100% membership by a member or two, while other units showed a significant decline in their member numbers. Hopefully, someone has reached out to those members who had not paid their dues by December 31st and they are now, or will soon be, members in good standing.

As I mentioned in my March article, we have 337 members-at-large, 38 of which are counted in our membership numbers. Each Division Vice President was given a list of the MAL's in their division who have not been in contact with National Headquarters since 2015. I requested that they review the list with the Unit Presidents and Department Presidents (where applicable) and get back to me by May 15 to let me know how they did locating the members-at-large on their list.

There are 35 units who have either had their EIN revoked, have an EIN that has no record in the IRS (which means they have not filed a 990), an unusable EIN number, or whose name has been sent to the League to be added to the parent list. Several of the units whose EIN number was revoked submitted transmittals by the December 31, 2018, deadline, with two (2) of these units receiving 100% membership recognition.

Ten units with a revoked EIN number are no longer listed on the membership report – so the assumption would be these units are closed and therefore should

be removed from the parent list if their number was revoked before 2016, as the 3-year period for holding their charter has expired.

The Division Vice Presidents were given the revoked, no record in the IRS, unusable and added to the Parent List listing so they can review the unit's status with the Unit and Department Presidents where applicable.

Until next month... Happy Easter  and Chag Sameach 
Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Junior Vice President
Linda Chamberlain

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Happy Springtime, everyone.

I hope you were not too fooled on April Fools' Day by a wooden snake or a fake mouse! I was certainly fooled at the Mid-Winter Staff Conference when the drawing was held for the Headquarters Project and my name was not drawn. Alas, my name is not Phyllis, Viola or Betty – congratulations to those winners.

Surely, many of us have spent our winter perusing the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. I did, didn't you? Remember that the deadline is Tuesday, May 7, to have your suggested Bylaws changes turned in to National Headquarters for consideration at the National Convention this August.

Another deadline to keep in mind is the installation of officers. Per our National Administrative Procedures: Section 530 (A) Installation of Department Officers. The Installing Officer shall be an Auxiliary Past National President, elected National President, other elected National Officer or a Past Department President.

Section 620 (A) Installation of Unit Officers. The Installing Officer shall be an Auxiliary Past National President, elected National President, other elected National Officer, Past Department President, elected Department President, other elected Department Officer or a Past Unit President.

I am sure that there is someone in your area who would be honored by an invitation to perform your installation. Speaking of honor, I was honored to have your support and confidence when you voted for me as National Judge Advocate last summer at the National Convention in Buffalo, New York. I hope you will continue your support in Billings, Montana, as I am running for National Junior Vice President.

Dotty Sanning
National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Girl Scouts Chair

The Girl Scout Gold Award Standard of Excellence is set by the National organization Girl Scouts of the USA. These standards set a high benchmark for everything the girl does to earn her award, but it also affects her character in general to her life style in good ways.

Please consider honoring the girls in your state. It can be the department or a unit that does the awards for the girls in your state. The girls are completing their requirements in most Girl Scout councils by mid-April. Some councils do have earlier dates for completion. You can contact the Girl Scout council in your area and ask for the girl's names. Explain why you are asking, and that it is a national effort by the Marine Corps Auxiliary to honor the Gold Awardees Girl Scouts of our nation.

You purchase the awards from our National Headquarters. Along with the award it is nice to include a congratulation letter. Email me for a suggested letter that I can attach in my email back to you. It was suggested at our National Meeting in 2017 that a letter of explain what an auxiliary is be included with the award. You can use the National paper that explains what an auxiliary is or write one that talks about what your auxiliary does and invite ladies to attend a meeting and join your group. Again, you can email me for a copy of our auxiliary's letter as an example of what you might write about your auxiliary.

Thank you for honoring the Girl Scouts in your area.

Carole Lyston – send by email: carolelyston@gmail.com

From the Desk of the Southern Division Vice President

Greetings from the Southern Division, also known as The Three Amigos.

This is my first year as Southern Division Vice President, and I am still learning, but I have had an awesome year so far.

The Southern Division held their Conference on March 21-23, 2019 in Lawton, OK, hosted by the Boomer Detachment. Lawton is also home to the Army Infantry Fort Sill.

I had a good turnout from all my auxiliaries, plus we talked to several potential members, always a good sign. I passed out all information I received at Mid-Winter, plus I had them do the Word Puzzle that was handed out by our National President. All members enjoyed it.

Southern Division is working hard on membership, and hopefully, I will be able to start an auxiliary in Oklahoma, that is my goal.

Each one of us needs to work on membership and think of ways we can change to meet today's standards, As I told my members, there are 14 people that are eligible to join our Auxiliary, under one Marine. My question to them was, with this many people eligible, why are are numbers so low? I told them we needed to stop and think about what the problem is and try to correct it.

The Southern Division is alive, working all programs well, and we will continue to grow.

May God watch over all of you and May God Bless America and our Marines.

Ferri Gothard

Southern Division Vice President

Programs of Pride

General Smedley D. Butler Unit
Newtown Square, PA

Our auxiliary visits the Mary E. Walker House at the Coatesville VA Facility each December with very large bags of goodies for the homeless women veterans who are housed there. They can house to 30 women there at one time. These bags contain many, many things that our female veterans can use throughout the year including: canteen books, Wawa gift cards, postage stamps, hand knitted hats and scarves, tee shirts, sweat shirts and pants, socks, shampoo, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.



Robin Sheeran, Rosemarie Fusto, Peg Walz, Polly Bush, Evelyn Brimble and Sissy Hudson

Submitted by:
Evelyn Brimble, President
General Smedley D. Butler Unit
Newtown Square, PA

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Larry Nehring Unit member, Judy Hesseltine spent some time in the hospital due to diverticulitis. Cards of cheer for her may go to: 916 E 26th Court, Des Moines, IA. 5037.

Carol and Lenny Mazzara need our prayers. 128 NE 37th street, Ocala, FL. 34470.

Sheri Mason also could use our healing prayers. 16248 Crela Drive, Spring Hill, FL. 34610.

Rita Schulte from the Central Missouri Unit in Jefferson City, MO. needs our prayers for a healthy heart. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: 10709 Bryant Road, Centertown, MO 65023.

We need to keep Mitzy and Steve Abeyta in our prayers as Steve is still having serious health issues. 445 Dennis Street, Monte Vista, CO. 81144.

Condolences are requested for Paula Bialk in the passing of her husband, Paul. 5350 S. 110 the street, Hales Corner, WI. 53216.

Juanita Nelson, Heart of Texas member had a by-pass in February. She is home resting now. Cards of cheer may be sent to: 136 Treeline Ct. Lipan, TX. 76462.

Stephanie Carrillo, Alamo unit member lost her husband in February. Cards of condolence sent to: 534 Clovis, San Antonio, TX. 78221.

Brenda Tomonelli, Big D Unit member, has finished her chemo treatments. Cards of cheer for her: 110 Mac Lane, Pottsboro, TX. 75076.

Dorcas and George Simpson need our prayers as George has had some serious health issues. 11474 Chapel road, Lorena, TX. 76655.

Prayers are needed for Peggy Brucker, Forrest G James Unit member, Minnesota. Her husband Bob suffered a stroke and was in a nursing home for a bit. Peggy and Bob Brucker: 103 Parsons Street, Mankato, Minn. 56001.

North Star Unit member from Minnesota, Kathy Stafford needed our prayers for her husband Cliff who underwent his second hip surgery. 2328 eagle Creek Blvd. Shakopee, Minn. 55379 for cards.

Lewis G Watkins Unit member, Jane Paradise mourned the passing of her brother this past month. Condolences to: 695 Paradise Place, Seneca, SC. 29678

Rita Matthews, from the John W. Thurston Unit in New York, passed away on February 6, 2019. Condolences may be sent to her family at: 6 Pearl Ave. Binghamton, NY. 13903.

Prayers are being requested for Yakima Kittitas, Wa Unit member, Rebeccas Corpuz. Also, prayers for Dept of WA President, Sena Moreland, both ladies have liver masses. At this point treatment options are being explored.

Mary Lloyd Bailey has defied what the Dr said would be her fate. Continue to pray for her or send encouragement. 2713 Dudley Court, Bensalem, PA. 19020.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE DIVISION VICE PRESIDENTS FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE MIDWINTER MEMORIAL SERVICE. I THANK THOSE WHO HAD TO STAND IN FOR VP'S WHO WERE ABSENT. THE SERVICE WAS WELL RECEIVED AND IT WAS DUE TO YOUR HELP.

MAY YOUR DAYS BE FILLED WITH MOMENTS OF CHILDLIKE AWE AND MAGIC. MAY THE WONDER OF LIFE DELIGHT YOUR HEART AND ENCHANT YOUR SOUL.

BLESSINGS TO ALL- NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE



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Upcoming Events

2019 National Convention – August 4th – August 9th,
2019 Billings, Montana. Visit

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for more information



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