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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Happy Independence Day! I hope each and every one of you plan to participate in a 4th of July parade and/or service. Please remember to thank our Marines and other service members for all they do or have done to preserve our country's freedoms.

During this past month, I attended two site visits for potential 2021 National Conventions on behalf of our convention chairman, JPNP Karen Aune. Both were within easy driving distance from my home (St. Louis, MO and Springfield, IL), and both would be able to accommodate all of our needs should they win the bid. There will be two additional site visits before a decision is made by the League members present at the National Convention in Billings.

In conjunction with the trip to St. Louis, I was invited to attend a "Coffee Talk" for all veterans in nearby Troy, MO the morning after our visit. This is a weekly meeting over coffee and doughnuts where veterans can discuss issues, receive information about VA healthcare and Honor Flights, share ideas that relate to veterans' organizations, recognize special occasions, and even sell raffle tickets for their respective veterans' causes. The large Senior Center was filled to capacity with many Marines present, including MCL Nat. Commandant Wendell Webb.



Carol Smith and Marilyn Kitchen-New attended the Coffee Talk in Troy, MO.

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

Division Conferences:

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

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Thank you, Ladies, for your membership in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and your dedication and commitment to serving our veterans and your communities through your association with our wonderful organization.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

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From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Greeting Ladies!

June was a busy month.

I was invited by PNC Linwood Liner & Department Commandant Ronnie Broussard to speak about our Auxiliary at the Louisiana Department Convention in Lafayette June 7-8. Wonderful opportunity to share the value of having an auxiliary. We now have a few good ladies working to start a new auxiliary. We obtained several members at large. With help the auxiliaries will grow from these few. They were excellent hosts. I was treated to a trip to Avery Island, the home of the world-famous TABASCO brand pepper sauce. Started by Marine Edmund McIlhenny. Below Pictured are some of the New Members:

Rebecca Marcel, Joanne Voisin, Angela Neal, Amy Pellegan & Eve Joppa



Attended the Groundbreaking for the New VA Clinic in New Port Richey June 6, 2019.

Pictured Below Is Eve Joppa, Joe Battle- Director of James A. Haley VA Hospital, Sandra Totz-fry

Representative at Bay Pines VA and Dept of Florida Judge Advocate. Second picture is Joe Battle with Tony Caruse (98-year-old) greeter at the present New Port Richey VA Clinic serving 21 years. It was super warm, 90 some degrees day.



The

Department of Florida Marine Corps League & Auxiliary Convention was held June 20-24.



I have enjoyed serving for the past two years. The Department is in good hands with the New President Carol Mazzara and her staff.

Next stop, Billings. Please review the proposed bylaw changes. The President's Council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 5th at 11:45 A.M. in our Auxiliary meeting room.

Every day is a great opportunity to recruit.

Thanks to each of you, for all the things you do every day!

"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

To My Auxiliary Sisters:

It's hard to believe this is my next to last article as your National Junior Vice President. I'm sure some of you are probably saying "thank heavens . . . we are so tired of reading about membership numbers!" Well, I am a firm believer that we as members need to be kept informed of our membership status and whether it is growing or declining.

In a few short weeks I will be receiving the final membership and recruiter numbers from our National Secretary so I can prepare my report for the National Convention. Hopefully, those units that had not submitted their transmittals for 2019 will have submitted them prior to the June 30th deadline so their membership numbers can be included in the final report. Our goal is to come close to or surpass the June 2018 total membership number of 2,731.

By now I hope all of the Division Vice Presidents have had a chance to review the MAL/LMAL lists that were given to them at the Mid-Winter Conference with the appropriate units and departments. Since we do not have a Southwest Division Vice President, I took that listing of twenty-eight (28) members and found six (6) of the LMAL's were deceased; one (1) MAL could not be located and will be dropped from the roles; one (1) MAL has not paid dues since 2015 and was contacted to inquire if she would like to rejoin the auxiliary; eight (8) LMAL's addresses are no longer valid and new addresses could not be obtained, so these ladies will be moved to a Life Member Inactive Listing, and; twelve (12) of the LMAL's address are still current and a letter was sent to each one of them requesting they contact National Headquarters and let us know if they would still like to receive information from the Auxiliary. Although this endeavor was time consuming, the outcome will enable us to clean up our Member-at-Large listing and give us a better idea of just how many LBNFM's (lost but not forgotten members) we have.

I hope you found my articles interesting and informative.

Have a great summer and a happy and safe 4th of July. 

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Junior Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Happy Independence Day!

In the June newsletter you were able to see the received proposed Bylaws changes for discussion by the body in Billings, Montana. If your submission did not make it to National Headquarters in time for this year, don't fret, there is always next year. If you missed the newsletter, please go to the list of Newsletters on our website to find them.

Unit Presidents, it is your responsibility to take the proposed changes to your Unit members for discussion at your meetings. Your Unit delegates that will be representing your Unit at the National Convention are to vote the decisions of the Unit. Unit Members, this is your opportunity to voice your own opinion. Consider the proposed changes to decide if you agree or disagree with the proposed changes and keep in mind that you can always ask your officers for further clarification. Your opinion is valuable.

At the National Convention, the Bylaws Committee will state to the membership if the proposed change is correct as presented, without personal bias. The vote to accept or reject the proposed change comes directly from the membership in attendance, usually after a discussion. This is a good motivation to pay your delegate fees and send a representative to the Convention with your Unit vote.

An exciting part of the National Convention toward the end of the week is the nomination and election of officers. You may already know that Madame National President Carol Smith will not be seeking a second term. The current officers have stated their intention to move up in the chairs. As always, nominations are accepted from the floor no later than the day before the election is held. Again, your delegate votes may be needed.

After the close of the Convention, the President will announce the ladies who will staff which National Committees. If you are planning to attend the National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 2020 and are willing to give of yourself please consider being on a National Committee. Do you have a desire to help our organization by being on a committee? If you have ANY questions about the different committees, please ask someone who is currently on that committee, a Past National President, or any other National Officer - do not hesitate to ask.

Your success is up to you.



Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

Notes from HQ

There will be new items available at the Convention, watch for a new order form and catalog on the website! I will also send it out to the units in July! Remember the store will be closed from July 15 through August 23 for convention activities.

Treasurer's – it is time to send transmittals, please use the newest forms which include a Unit Cover Sheet and a transmittal which will allow you to put 10 members on each page. (There is a fillable form available online.) If you have questions, call your Dept Treasurer, the HQ Office or the National JR VP, we are here to help.

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter fill out the form! It's only \$10 and will be delivered to your mailbox each month. If you would like an emailed version sent directly to you, email me at MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org

From the Desk of Madam Big Flea

'Hoppy' July to all Fleas!

Ah, the start of summer. The children are out of school, the lawn needs mowing, and the dog needs a bath. Surely you can get all of those necessary things done this summer and still have time to join us in Billings for the Flea Scratch. Shhhh, I can't tell you what will 'hopen' at the Scratch, but I do know that there will be lots of fun and games! Shhhh, don't tell.

The theme is Sports – as if you couldn't guess. You may wear your favorite sports team clothing or your own sports uniform - ball cap, volleyball kneepads, broomball shoes, golf skort, tennis shoes – whatever you play sports in. What? You say you don't play sports? Perhaps you watch sports and have something special you wear to root your team on. Wear it to the Scratch. WHAT? You don't like sports? That is okay. Please join us anyway for flea-styled sports fun – I will not ask you to throw a horseshoe or dribble a basketball.

If you are not a flea but aspire to be one we have a plan for you. When you are at the Auxiliary registration table please stop by the Flea registration table to fill out your application. Then you will probably have a few things to do in preparation for your big day. Make sure you check the Convention schedule to find out which day is your SPECIAL DAY.

From the Canine/Arthropod World Peace Accord: *Whereas --- has been created ---a halt be called to all unkind gossip --- unfeeling actions --- replace these actions with praise and acts of kindness --- merriment, amusement, frivolity, and just good clean fun.*

Fleas, I hope to see you in Big Sky Country.

Semper Mordendi!

Dotty Sanning

July 2019 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



We lost the following members:

SAVANNA JEFFERSON* 2/2019 Condolences to: Skip Jefferson, Rt. 4 Box 68 Marble Hill, MO.

MILDRED KLOES * 6/4/2019 Condolences to: Lois Allen, 1312 Park Hill Drive, Bourbonnais, and IL. 60914.

SANDY RITTER * 12/16/2018 Condolences to: James Ritter, 5109 N Karen Rd. Otis Orchards, WA. 99027

Bea Georgopulos needed our prayers to lift her spirits as a stay in the hospital cards of continued support may be mailed to her at: 595 S Alton Way, Unit 4D, Denver, CO. 80247.

PNP Caroline Ruhmshottell received our prayers for her husband, Past Chief Phil, after his fall. He had hip surgery that went well, then fell again in the hospital and needed more surgery. This time he had a nasty brain bleed and with prayer we hope he will be back to his old self soon. Cards of cheer for both of them may be sent to: 9503 NE 11th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664-3177.

Sharon Pavey, Dept of PA lost her husband, PDC Dave Pavey. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 207 Pine Street, Towanda, PA. 18848.

Bob Gilbert, husband of Dept of PA member Pat Gilbert passed way. Cards for Pat go to: 275 Green Hill Rd. Newville, PA 17241.

Past Chief Devil Dog, MCLA and flea member, Laurel Hull lost her Mom after a lengthy illness. Cards of sympathy for Laurel go to: 28 Tejon Canon Road, Placitas, New Mexico, 87043.

Marge Della Vecchia, Holiday Florida Unit member, lost her husband very unexpectedly. Cards would be a great help to her at: 12813 Beagle Road, Hudson, FL. 34667

Past Dept President, Marilyn Nowak mourns the passing of her husband, George, who had been a Past Dept Commandant. Marilyn's address is: 100 N. Morrissey Dr. North Prairie, WI. 53153.

Holly Price from the Dept of CO had a biopsy and it turned out well for her. Please keep Holly in your prayers as this has been a difficult time for her. 2100 Ellis St. Golden, CO. 80237.

Following her mastectomy surgery, Past Central Division Vice, Judy Blackmer wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

Thank you for your continued care and concern for our members. Your cards and emails mean the world to these ladies and their families.

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PRAISE YOU WITH AN INSTRUMENT,
LORD, BUT I CAN STILL THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

When I'm folding laundry, I can praise you for the clothes on my back. When I'm stuck in traffic, I can praise you for the beautiful scenery around me. When I'm fighting illness, I can praise you for the spirit you breathed into me. And when the people I love struggle, I can praise you for bringing such wonderful people into my life. This gift of life is precious, and I know my eternity is secure in you. Though my days are not always easy, I know that you stay faithfully by my side-guiding my steps and filling my heart with joy. I praise you with all the resources at my disposal lord.

Respectfully submitted, PNP Barb Nobile, National Chaplain

Operation Little Angel

MONTANA RESCUE MISSION- BILLINGS, MONTANA

SUMMER OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL PROJECT



ACTS 20:35REMEMBERING THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS HIMSELF- IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

Whether a person is struggling with an addiction, mental illness or has happened upon rough times- the mission is there to help.

THEY RAISE THE BROKEN. The mission was started in 1948 and has gone through many changes to serve the homeless population. Currently they house

approximately 32 woman and 5 children. The ages of the ladies range from 25 to 35. The children are up to age 18. The population shifts as the seasons.

Their mission is RESCUE- RECOVERY – RESTORATION.

Healing is their gift to their guests.

Their needs are as follows_ twin size bedding- sheets and pillows and pillowcases- thermal quilts- heat retaining.

Towels- clothing sizes l- xl- to 3 x. Sweat suits and pajamas.

Large bottles of toiletries items – everything but toothbrush items. Gift cards from Target or Wal-Mart are also welcome.

Kids always like games, so that would be welcome as well.

Thank you for your generosity, the OLA committee. If you have questions, please email pnpchaplainbarb@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

2019 National Convention – August 4th – August 9th, 2019

Billings, Montana. Visit

<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com/index.php> for more information

Article Submissions: The Deadline for all articles is the 15th of each month, without exception and is strictly upheld. All articles will be subject to both appropriateness and to space available and should be of interest to all Members not just one individual or Unit/Department. Email your articles to Meg Krebs at MCLA-Newsletters@msn.com in a Microsoft Word formatted document.

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