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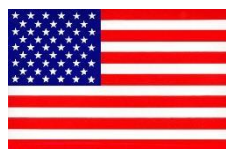
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**Dates to
Remember:**

**August:
National
Convention
CYA THERE!**

From the Desk of the National President

Greetings from the desk of the National President. Members, I am looking forward to being with you at the National Convention in Tulsa, OK. Now is a busy time for all who are preparing to go to the Convention. Delegate registrations have been received at Headquarters and have been processed.



Ladies, I need to inform you that things at Headquarters did not work out with the lady we hired to handle the office. Things started out rough and there were misunderstandings between the League, our secretary and our Board. We felt it in the best interest of the Auxiliary and the League to let the secretary go. She was striving to become familiar with how our office works but the inner office communications was just not working as it should.

I am looking forward to a great convention and hearing about all your activities. If you are preparing a report, please be sure that you only print on one side of the paper. These reports are scanned into the computer to go with the minutes of the meeting. If you have a report that is more than one page, please remember to print all of the pages on a single side of the paper.

This year has been a learning experience for me. There have been many great things that happened this year and some things that have been difficult. I pray that going forward things will only get better for the Auxiliary. Recruiting new members will help with that as we all need our Units, Departments and National membership to grow.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National President

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

It's here! Time for the National Convention in Tulsa, OK.

I want to remind everyone that there will be a President's Council meeting, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday morning, and the Division Vice Presidents



Division Conferences:

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

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



**Deadline for
ALL articles is
the 15th of each
month.**

Lunch on Tuesday as well. These meetings are open to all members that currently hold the office and those who are interested in holding one of these offices.

Both are a chance to share ideas and learn from others, discuss options and build relationships.

I would hope that you will find of these meetings informative and useful. There are so many great ideas and suggestions that can be shared with those that are not able to attend the convention.

As you go about your day, please take time to remember our Veterans and active duty personnel and their families. Please say a prayer for our country that God may bless us each day with peace, harmony and understanding.

Thanks to each of you for all you do. You are the most important asset this Auxiliary has.

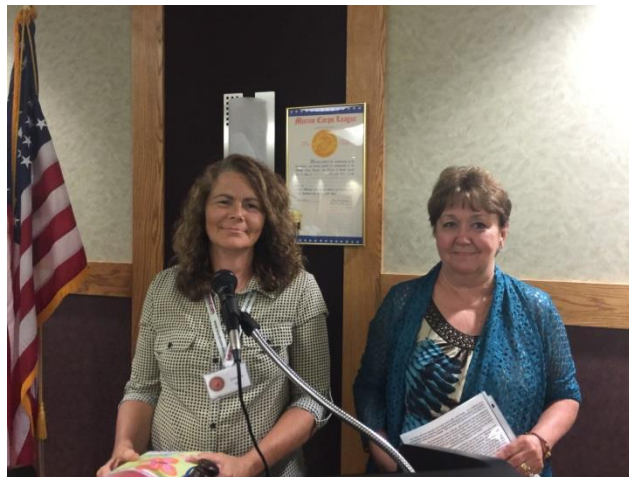
Safe travels and see you in Tulsa!

Karen Aune,
Nat'l Sr. Vice President
'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted'

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, our members, as National Junior Vice President. I have enjoyed this year very much, and, hopefully, will continue to serve you, our veterans, and my community for many more years. Hopefully, during this time, I will also see our Marine Corps League Auxiliary grow as we continue to recruit new members.



During the last weekend in June, I attended the Department of Indiana Convention. It was so nice to see some members who were also in attendance at our Central Division Conference. While there, I submitted my application for Dual Membership in the Whitewater Valley Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in Richmond, IN. My husband, already a Dual Member of the Whitewater Valley Detachment, and I stop in Richmond and visit their clubhouse frequently as we travel eastward to MCL and MCLA events. Pictured at left are Loretta See, newly elected Department of Indiana President, and Installing Officer, Judy Blackmer, National Vice President, Central Division.

I was fortunate to participate in our local 4th of July parade. Our two remaining two Jima Marines who are members of the West Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment 1177 rode on the back of our golf cart in the parade. Ninety-five

year old Warren Musch and ninety-year old Jerry Lowe received much applause and many thanks for their service. It was a really fun and rewarding day.

I also had the opportunity to attend a 50th anniversary "Welcome Home" ceremony for our Vietnam veterans at the Manteno Veterans' Home in Manteno, IL. Our Department of Illinois Marines, including my husband, a Vietnam Veteran, participated in an emotional Remembrance Table Ceremony during the occasion. The two hour event was very well attended with many on hand to thank our Vietnam veterans and welcome them home.

I also traveled to Ohio with my husband to honor the memory of Roger Gardner, a good friend, a Marine Corps League member and Past Central Division Marine of the Year, and a staff member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. It was nice to see his widow, Joyce, again and to meet his son and daughter, Drew and Heidi. Roger will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

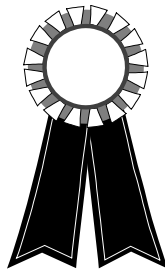
The 2016 National Convention is only a few short weeks away, and I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in Tulsa. I am confident that our meetings will be informative and fun, and there will be many opportunities to just get to know one another better.

Thank you for everything you do in support of our troops and veterans and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Judge Advocate

On Memorial Day at Meadowlawn Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery, I was honored to represent the Marine Corp League Auxiliary serving as Chaplain for this community event. Yesterday I received this picture taken with the Gold Star families being honored that day. It was an awesome opportunity to pay our respect and thankfulness to our service men & women, who have given the ultimate price for our freedom. I was humbled to be part of this program & spend a little time with these Gold Star Families, the Veterans & members of our community who came to honor our heroes. Thank you to the Meadowlawn Staff for asking me to be part of the program.

Gold Star Families & Nat JA: Left to right

Trip McKenzie, Wife of Petty Officer 2nd Class Chester Kyle McKenzie

Thomas Oakley, Brother of PFC William J. Oakley

Yolanda Mercado, Mother of US Army PFC Jalfred D Vaquerano

Jean Uffalussy, Mother of Staff Sergeant Patrick R Dolphin (Member of Holiday Unit)

Evelyn Joppa, National Judge Advocate Marine Corps League Auxiliary



Girl Scout Gold Awards given by Auxiliaries

Please send me your report about Girl Scout Gold Award presentation, or not, for your state. At the National Convention, in August, certificates are presented to the units or departments that have sent in their report to me.

I have heard from the following 10 states: 66 awards state of Arkansas, 86 awards state of Connecticut, 133 awards state of Florida, 0 awards state of Idaho, 45 awards state of Illinois, 8 state of Iowa, 56 awards state of Minnesota, 118 state of Missouri, 200 state of New Jersey, 0 awards state of South Carolina.

If you have not been doing the awards, this is my suggestion. Have a volunteer be your Girl Scout Chairman for your Unit or Department. Many states have the individual units throughout their state that do the awards for Girl Scout Councils near their location. Other states have just a Department Girl Scout Chairman that contacts all the Girl Scout Councils in their state and does all the awards. Either

way works but, the report sent to me should be MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY UNIT VOLUNTEER REPORT (Enclosure #26).

Another suggestion: certificates should be for sale at the National Convention, so that would be an easy way to obtain them. Buy a package of 100 for \$100.00, they will last you a couple of years, depending how many girls earn their award in your area.

I will be at the convention, so bring your questions to ask me, and we can discuss what your concerns are, they may be what another unit has, so discussion is a good way to resolve any concerns you have for doing the awards.

I will be bringing a package of suggested letters to share, for ideas as to what you want to tell your Girl Scouts, about being proud of them for achieving the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Please contact me with any questions so I can help you. My email is carolelyston@gmail.com. Home address is 5813 Oak Branch Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank the eight states that have honored the Girl Scouts in their area with our Good Citizenship Award.

Carole Lyston – Girl Scout Chairman

MCLA Memorial Fund

Ladies;

The Memorial Fund Committee, would like to say Thank you, to all the members for their years serviced and support. We have helped a few members this year, we have helped from Rent, Funerals to the extent of losing it all. The Memorial Fund wouldn't do the great things it does without your support. The membership has made us heroes to those that we have helped. Look for the Memorial table at the National Convention in Tulsa, OK and please support us by buying some tickets, as well as passing the word so we get more for our membership to help.

Semper Fi

Your MCLA Memorial Fund Committee

Debby Krueger

Sydney Minchen

Elaine Schieffer

Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas



Calling All Fleas!!!!

We need your help! We are seeking pictures from the Supreme Scratch from the National Convention that was held in Scottsdale, AZ. The photos we have in the Scrappy Book are from years ago, with nothing being current. If you were there and had your camera and taking pictures, please email your photos to me at MCLAux2012@gmail.com

See you in Tulsa, OK at the Supreme Scratch during the National Convention, and have your cameras with you.

Semper Mordendi,
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AUGUST CHAPLAIN NEWS

Laura Del Rosario * June 12, 2016 Smedley D. Butler Unit, PA. Condolences to her daughter in law, Mary Ann Del Rosario, 188 First Ave, Apt, B, Broomall, PA 19008.

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Past Dept. of Michigan President, Ellen Long lost her husband Ted this past month. Condolences may be sent to her at 26860 Beverly Rd. Taylor, Michigan, 48180-1042.

Joan and Jerry Cecil are mourning the passing of their 42 year old son, Marine Jason Cecil who passed away from a massive heart attack. Cards of condolence may be sent to them at: 5248 S. Venti Terrace, Iverness, Florida, 34452-7888.

Brass City Unit member, Nancy Wennberg asked for prayers for her mother who was in the hospital.

Janice Miller of Colorado also needed our prayers as her mom went through rehab after surgery.

We sent out prayers to Dept. of Texas Sr. vice Johnnie Lopez for her husband Luis as he went through quadruple bypass surgery following a heart attack. Cards of cheer for them may be sent to: 1001 Hamilton St. Waco, TX. 76705-3809.

We extend our congratulations for PNP Karen Washabaugh on her recent marriage to Bill Wheeler.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are hurting over the loss of a loved one. We especially want to include all in Dallas, TX and Nice, France and all those affected by daily tragedies around the world.

The National Chaplain and Assistant National Chaplain wish everyone a successful and productive National Convention. We wish all safe travels.

Respectfully Submitted, National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile



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See You at National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma

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