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Dates to Remember:

December 7th – Pearl
Harbor
Remembrance Day

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

What an honor it was to represent the members of the Auxiliary last month at the Marine Corps Birthday event at the Iwo Jima Memorial, as well as on Veterans Day at Arlington Cemetery. The laying of the wreath is a very touching ceremony. While there, I had the pleasure of spending time with a member from Yakima Kittatis Unit and Sr. Vice for the Department of Washington, Rebecca Corpuz.



On the Saturday following these I attended the Birthday Ball hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. This was an amazing event as well. The guest of honor was General Al Gray, a very inspirational speaker.

A few updates, I went to the National office on Nov 3rd & 4th to assist the secretary is getting things organized after the move. I can only hope I was a help and not a hindrance. The Sr. Vice and I, along with the Chief Devil Dog, C.O. Smith, assisted further on the Wednesday before the birthday. Things are coming along nicely, getting the ships store organized and many items restocked. It seems that there were some orders placed at national convention that did not make it back to the office. If you have one of these orders, please contact the secretary and she will help get it resolved. I know that there are still some outstanding things that are in process, like returning the receipted transmittals, but rest assured that these are being worked on as well.



A reminder that this is the time of year that, as we move into the holidays, many of our veterans experience more loneliness, and maybe even depression, than usual. Please make an extra effort to remember those that are without family or friends at this time. Even a small gesture can make a world of difference. The rate of suicide among our younger veterans is at an alarming high. You may be able to make the difference!

December 21 – First
Day of Winter

December 25th –
Christmas



December 31st – New
Year's Eve

January 1, 2017 –
New Year's Day!

Division Conferences:

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

2017 Southeast Division Conference

March 30 - April 1

Mobile Marriott
3101 Airport Blvd
Mobile, AL 36606

Phone: 251-476-6400
(ask for Marine Corps
League Conference rate)

Hosted by: P. L. Wilson
Det. #447
email: granthamab@gmail.com

I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends over Thanksgiving. I wish for all of you a joyous season filled with love, kindness and cheer.

Thank you for all that you do every day serving our veterans, their families and communities. You are what make this Auxiliary the great organization that it is!

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

. As I greet you this month, I hope that each of you had an opportunity to celebrate the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps and to attend a ceremony to honor our veterans on November 11. I was very fortunate again this year to have had the opportunity to accompany my husband, the 57th Chief Devil Dog, to Washington, DC for the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day.

We attended the commemorative ceremony on November 10 at the Marine Corps War Memorial and the next day observed the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery where President Obama thanked our veterans for their service. Our Auxiliary Color Bearers, Carrie McIntosh and Alima Zimmer, represented us well during the processional. Following the ceremony, my husband participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns along with our MCLA National President Karen Aune, MCL National Commandant Richard Gore, and MCL National Executive Director Tom Hazlett. To be at Arlington among the thousands of graves of those who served our country and to view the Changing of the Guard is such a humbling and reverent experience.

While in the area, I had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at our new MCLA National Headquarters and to meet our very capable and professional National Secretary, Karen Grady. She is hard at work on our behalf. While there, I helped stuff envelopes with the National Convention Proceedings and National Rosters which each Unit and Department President should have received prior to reading this message. Please share with all of our members, especially your respective Judges Advocates.

As we gear up for the final month of our local Toys for Tots programs, please take time to remember our shut-in Marines and those in veterans homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities and all veterans and

New England Division Conference & Quad State Convention

April 21 - 23, 2017
Mainstay Inn
151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd.
Newport, RI
401-849-9880
MCL rate - \$65.00 per
night

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.**

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

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their families around the country and the world. At this writing, with Thanksgiving approaching, I am very thankful for each of our members who give so much of themselves on behalf of our Marines and communities. I wish each of you a blessed holiday season and special moments with family and friends.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all. May your holidays be filled with joy!

Recruitment remains one of our most important tasks.

This past month afforded us the opportunity to mingle with many groups honoring our Marines and other Veterans. The many Marine Birthday Balls and the numerous Veterans events have given us opportunities to not only thank our veteran and active duty forces, but to get the word out as to what we do, planting those very important reasons to join our effort. We honor our military every day, our purposes & goals show this fact. Many say our young people don't have time. Remember there is the old adage that you ask a busy person to help and wow the job gets done in a greater fashion than we expected. Keep those brochures and applications handy. Ask for help. We need both young & old!

Attend community groups of ladies and look for those key people that will make a difference.

Are there groups in your community that hold fashion shows, craft shows or other community events?

These are great recruiting grounds. Just recently I had the opportunity to talk to a women's group about what it is like to be the wife of a marine and a veteran, what a great chance to share our auxiliary and the important role it plays in our lives. Two different groups asked that we fold the United States Flag along with the reading of each fold. These requests came from being out in the community, being in the right place at the right time. Again this is planting seeds to build new members.

December not only brings the super Toys for Tots program to light, it also brings new people out who care about children. Many of these ladies have no idea that we exist or what we do. Let's get the word out.

I attended a Birthday Ball where Major General Lori E Reynolds, US Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command spoke. She is an impressive

Marine. The words that stood out to me were " *I chose to be encouraged*". They say the very thing that I feel about our Auxiliary and our future.

I thank each of you for the wonderful things you keep doing for our Marines, Veterans and our communities. Please keep our troops and their families in prayer.

My door is always open!

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

As the days, weeks, months of 2016 come to a close, I have to say it's been a very good and blessed year. When I send out my message monthly to all our auxiliary members through this newsletter and I feel confident that you are all reading and passing the information onto others because my job has been light. I truly thank you for reaching out to your unit and department judge advocates and your bylaws/administrative procedures for immediate answers.

One question that has come across my email more than once is procedures in closing a unit. I truly feel broken hearted that this has to happen and I do encourage in every way to keep them open and operating, but sometimes there are just issues that can't be helped. So if by chance there are units that I have not addressed in this issue, for they have not come to me for a bit of direction, let me pass this information on. In our Bylaws under section 555, Charter Suspension, Revocation, page 19, paragraph C, will tell you in detail how to close a unit. If you as an individual member do not have your own copy of Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, you can open this section up on our auxiliary web site. It is all in black and white and no gray area to what needs to be done with all belongings. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

My past three months I have gotten a few questions and issues that I have addressed and hopefully have helped solve. I will be doing a final follow-up on each issue/question before the year comes to a close to make sure no one has an ongoing concern for 2017. All our members, units, departments deserve answers and more importantly, closure.

On a personal note, hope all our Marines had a very Happy Birthday, November 10th and all our military veteran families and friends had a good Veterans Day and a Blessed Thanksgiving.

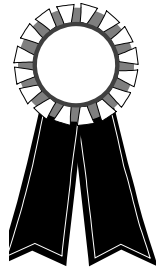
I truly want to send out a warm heart filled Merry Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year.

I promise to do my very best for all of you.

My Motto is: "Let's Flip the Light & Do What's Right"

Semper Fi

Colleen M English
National Judge Advocate



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

The Department of Texas MCLA held a very informative and productive Fall Staff Conference in Granbury, Texas on Oct. 22nd, 2016. The Auxiliary hosted an Operation Little Angels session benefiting the Hood County Children's Charity Fund, and a successful raffle. The Business meeting led by new President, Johnnie Lopez, involved new fund raising ideas, membership recruitment, and presentations honoring some of the members. We were proud to welcome two new members attending for the first time.

The Hide of Texas MODDF Fall Staff "Hollywood-Movie" Scratch was held on Oct. 21st.

There was "lights, cameras, and scratchin' action" directed by Big Flea, Viola Trevino. The Fleas pestered three new Pups desiring to become Dogs, infiltrated the MODD Growl, and collected fines/donations benefiting the Dept. Operation Little Angel project. They enjoyed beverages, a

movie snack-bar, and a competitive costume contest. Both the Auxiliary and the Fleas are gearing up for the upcoming Holiday Season with plans for our Birthday Balls, Veterans programs, Thanksgiving get-togethers, and Toys for Tots events.



MCLA Members during Colors
Vice

Johnnie Lopez



Past Pres. Dorcas Simpson & So. Div.

-Viola Trevino presented pin to Pres.



Costumed Fleas with Dogs



Hollywood Movie Scratch poster

From the Desk of the National Webmaster

Colorado Greetings to all Members and Associate Members of the Auxiliary

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all Divisions, Departments and Units of our beloved organization that if you have a website, you can have it linked on the National Website. If it is a Unit website, please provide your Unit Name, what Department you are in along with the city you are in as well as what division you are in, as it is listed by Division First, then by department, don't forget to list the website address as well when providing the information. If it is a Department Website, please list your Department Name (along with what division you are in) along with the website as well, same holds true for Division websites.

Also, starting this coming Spring, Division Conferences will be starting up. You can have your conferences listed on the National Website as well. This can be a plus for your Divisions to attract more members to attend, not only from your own division but from other Divisions as well who may be traveling through your area at the time of your Division Conference.

Please remember our Veterans this Holiday Season, as many are alone or miles from friends and family. Visit your local Nursing homes, Assist Living Centers and VA Medical Centers for many of our Veterans are there as well, and would love to have company even if it is just for an hour or so. This can be done monthly, not just during the Holiday Season.

Semper Fidelis

Meg Krebs
National Webmaster



DECEMBER CHAPLAIN NEWS



ALICE STAIT * 10/12/2016 Herkimer County Unit, NY. Condolences to her family: 6235 Eureka Rd. Rome, New York. 13440.

MARTY ETTA BECHTEL * 9.18/2016.

JEAN FOREMAN * 10/09/2016 Landis McCleaf Unit, PA. Condolences to: Alan Foreman, 841 Limestone Drive, Chambersburg, PA. 17202.

MARY J. PERRY * Landis McCleaf Unit, PA. 10/12/2016 Condolences to: Ronald L. Perry Sr... 3464 Interchange Drive, Chambersburg, PA. 17201.

Dept. of PA secretary and Upper Darby member Terry Souder needed our prayers following a scary incident. She recently underwent heart surgery where the Dr repaired a 90% blockage in one artery, however it appeared she was allergic to the dye used and the other blockage could not be done, we hope she is resting well at home now and doing as the Dr. ordered. This is sometimes a long road, so cards of cheer are always welcome. 404 Highland Ave. Morton, PA 19070.

We sent out prayers to many members and their family members this past month. And I thank you for those powerful prayers. Sam Dressler of the Dept of Washington was on the receiving end of those prayers for her mother, Sharon Cushman. Sharon suffered a stroke and is in rehab.

PNP Shirley Keyes had both knees replaced on Oct. 10th. All went well until she got home and while recovering fell and broke both knee caps. She thanks us for the prayers that were sent her way at that time. Continue to keep her in your thoughts and a card of cheer at the time of year is always welcome. 2541 Villanova Court, Vienna, Virginia, 22180-6952.

L/Cpl Justin J. Wilson Unit member from Florida, Jerry Felton had surgery last month. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: 1064 Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, Florida. 34994-9514...

Teresa Terry and her husband Marine Joe terry mourned the unexpected passing of Joe's sister. Cards of comfort were sent to them at: 518 Rodeo Road, Camdenton, MO. 65020.

PNP Ruth Moyse had surgery on both of her feet as well as dealing with her father being in the hospital. I know Ruth would only ask for your prayers, but again, cheery greetings make your day when you cannot get around the house. 401 S. New Ardmore Ave. Broomall, PA. 19008-2940. just looking at the bandage on her foot was painful.

We sent birthday greetings to Marine Warren Musch from the West Central Illinois Leathernecks, Who had been the 6th grade teacher of Chief C.O. Smith.

We sent out cards to the husband of Dept of Utah president for her husband who had broken his ribs. Mike Buist was in a great deal of pain. Their address is: Mike and Betty Buist, PO Box 22, Mendon, UT. 84325.

We pray for our National President and her staff and wish our new secretary the very best.

The Holiday Season can be difficult for many of our members and those they love and care about. Take time to reach out to them with a text, a call or a visit if that is possible. We have members we do not see and a phone call only takes a moment.

In Whatever way you observe the Holiday Season; I send each and every member the best wishes from myself and the Assistant National Chaplain.



Blessing from

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile and Assistant Mary Lou Webb

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