



MCLA NEWS

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Dates to Remember:

February 12 –
Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 –
Valentine's Day

From the Desk of the National President

Greetings Ladies! The holidays are behind us and the New Year has begun. I hope that each of you who have made resolutions for the coming year are still on target to accomplish those resolutions. I am looking forward to 2016 being a good year to welcome new units and new members. Are you looking for new members every where you go? Do you ask each new person you meet if they are related to a Marine? That is a great way to open the conversation to asking them to join our Auxiliary.



Mid-Winter Conference will be upon us very soon. Have you made your reservations at the Marriott and scheduled your travel arrangements? I am looking forward to being with you at that time. There will be a joint hospitality meet and greet on Thursday evening with the League and the Devil Dogs and the Auxiliary (Mickey Finn Unit is helping, thank you) providing some refreshments. We will have a pre-board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon and the joint opening session on Friday morning with our business meeting taking place Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The Memorial Service and Chapel of Four Chaplains will be held in conjunction with the opening session. Registration ahead of time is \$10 per person attending and is sent to the League. Check out their web site for more information and registration form.

Division Conferences will soon follow the Mid-Winter Conference and everyone is encouraged to attend their Division Conference. The Division Conferences are a place to learn what your leaders have learned at Mid-Winter and a chance to get updates on the National Auxiliary. Workshops can be scheduled and those who are unable to make a national convention can learn new things. I encourage each member to attend a Division Conference this year, meet new people from your Division and greet friends you have gained over the years. "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold."

A little bit of housekeeping – if you have a problem with the way someone does something, go to that person and discuss your concern. Do not go to someone else first. It is important to keep relationships on good terms. It is not always easy to talk to someone with whom you have a problem but it is better to do that than to talk behind their back and stir up strife.

February 15 –
President's Day

February 22 –
Washington's
Birthday

March 13 –
Daylight Savings
Time Begins
(Set your clocks a
head one hour)

March 17 –
St Patrick's Day

**March – Mid-
Winter**
Conference Dates:
Visit our website
for details.

May 8 –
Mother's Day

**May 21 -
Armed Forces
Day**

**May 30 –
Memorial Day**

**June 14 –
Flag Day**

June 19 –
Father's Day



**Division
Conferences:**

Calling all
Division Vice
President's: Send
in the Dates of
when you're
Division

February is the month the VAVS has set aside a week to recognize hospitalized Veterans. If you have a clinic or a hospital in your area, check to see what you can do to volunteer during that week. The VA hospitals and clinics are always in need of volunteers. Check it out.

Have a great February and Happy Valentines day to everyone.

I have had a phone call from PNP Joyce Orr. She wanted me to make sure to send a note to you via the newsletter thanking everyone for all the cards and notes when her husband passed away last July. She is unable to write notes as she has trouble with her hands at this time. She has downsized from a 4-bedroom house to a 2-bedroom apartment. Please continue to remember her as she adjusts to a new environment.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National President

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President
Happy Valentine's Day!

It is already the second month of the year. I hope that everyone is keeping warm and safe these winter months.

As you make your plans for attending the National Mid Winter Staff meeting in March, I am hoping you will include attending the Presidents Council on your agenda. It is an opportunity to share ideas, challenges and suggestions to help us learn and grow.

As you go about your day, please take time to remember our Veterans and active duty personnel and their families as well as those that have been affected by these unusual weather events that continue.

Thanks to each of you for all you do.

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Aune,
Nat'l Sr. Vice President

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

Conference to be
listed here.

Southern Division
Conference

April 8-10, 2016
Wyndham Garden
Hotel

Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma

Details:

www.texasmcl.org

New England Div.
Conference &
Quad-State
Convention

Hosted by Dept. of
Maine

Date: April
22,23,24

Best Western Merry
Manor Inn

South
Portland, Maine

For details @ New
Engl. Div. website

<http://www.nedivisionmcl.org>

NORTHEAST
DIVISION
CONFERENCE

April 1-3, 2016

Holiday Inn

Wilkes Barre, PA

Additional
Information:

www.northeastdivmcl.org

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Does your Auxiliary Unit maintain a website that members and potential members can access? Do you produce a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly newsletter highlighting your recent or upcoming activities in support of your community or our veterans? Do you use Facebook or other social media sites to promote your Unit? I believe that all of the above can be great recruiting tools.

We must think like young women think to draw them into our fold. We are not going to recruit new members without using the media that today's young women utilize. Whenever your unit participates in a patriotic event, raises funds for our veterans, or hosts Bingo or a holiday party at a Veterans' Home or VA Hospital, share this with those who may also be interesting in serving others.

To paraphrase an old adage: "A picture is worth a thousand words." Take lots of pictures of your unit events, whether it be attending patriotic ceremonies, participating in a parade, hosting a "Trivia Night" event, holding a yard sale benefit, helping with the local Toys for Tots program, or assisting Marine Corps League members with their fundraising ventures, and share these pictures on social media. Always post an application form (and carry one with you) and explain who we are and what we do along with the cost and benefits of a membership.



The photo at left was taken in December at the West Central Illinois Leathernecks' Christmas party for Marines and FMF Corpsmen at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy, Illinois. We sang Christmas Carols, played a "Marine" trivia game, and provided cookies and gifts for the veterans. We will also be hosting Bingo with our local detachment for all of the residents at the home in

February.

Standing L to R: Joy Komnick, Connie Bryant, Jan Carleton, Caren Waltrip-Sexton, Carol Smith. Seated in front is Bob Erickson, Past Commandant of the Gem City Detachment, an IVH-Q resident.

If anyone has additional recruiting ideas, please share them with me so that I can share them with all of our members in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Mid-Winter Conference from March 3-5 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Information is available on our National website: www.nationalmcla.org. All members are welcome to attend and learn from your leaders. We might even learn something from you!

2016 Central
Division Conference,
March 31st through
April 3rd

Doubletree by Hilton
Cleveland - Westlake

1100 Crocker Road,
Westlake, OH 44145
- Phone (440) 871-
6000

For Conference
Information, Agenda
and Program Rates
see

MCL National
Website
(www.mclnational.org)

Semper Fidelis and Happy Valentine's Day!

Carol Smith

Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Welcome to the New Year! I hope each of you experienced much joy during the season. This New Year

Will bring many opportunities to grow our auxiliary & mentor new members. I am looking forward to seeing old friends & meeting new friends at Mid - Winter Conference March 3 – 5.

Happy Valentine's Day! Remember the VA's National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. It is always a special time for my home auxiliary to prepare cards for the veterans in James A Haley Veterans Hospital.

Remember that it is not too early to start to think about proposals to amend the Administration Procedures that will clarify the meaning and benefit the majority of our members. Proposals to amend the Administrative Procedures may be submitted prior to or at any National Convention by any member.

There have already been a couple of ideas being tossed around. Let us all strive to work together for the benefit of all. It is a pleasure to serve our members.

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Judge Advocate

From the desk of the Rocky Mountain Division VP

Hope everyone had a great New Years. It's hard to believe that 2016 is already here, how time flies. The last three months have been very busy with putting stocking together to send to the deployed troops, boxing them up to send, getting the addresses, for a total of 23 boxes were sent to 3 different ships. In November I helped Frank J Carroll Detachment and Auxiliary with two food drives that helped out 16 Military families at Buckley Air Force Base. The Rocky Mountain Division has two new Units. Please welcome The Thunder Mountain Unit and The Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit. Always carry an application with you at all times, you never know when you will meet someone. Just remember CONNECT, let them know what we do, GROW your Units and show them the great things we do, GO with them and have fun. Mid – Winter has changed this year it will be from March 3-5 2016 in Falls Church, VA

Semper Fi

Debby Krueger
Rocky Mtn Division VP

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout Gold Award Standard of Excellence was organized by a National organization, Girl Scouts of the USA, and presented in 1980 for older girls to start to achieve. However, the challenge of an outstanding award has been part of the Girl Scout history for 100 years. The award names have changed thru the years, but the idea of the girls learning and doing a challenging award that helps the community has been part of the history of Girl Scouting since 1916. So many Girl Scout councils are celebrating the 100 years award this year as part of their Gold Award Girl Scout program.

You may contact the Girl Scout Councils in your state or city to arrange for presenting their Gold Awardees our Good Citizenship Award. The Girl Scout Councils are listed on the internet. You will need to explain, to the person in charge of their Gold Award program, that this is an award presented by our National Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

It can be an individual auxiliary or a state department auxiliary that gives the awards. Generally it is the state department auxiliary; they have a person in charge of organizing and purchasing the Girl Scout Awards. The attractive certificates are purchased from our National Office. It is best to purchase the package of 100 certificates, which breaks down to cost of \$1.00 for each certificate. Girl Scout councils have average of 30 girls earn the award yearly, so the 100 certificate package, if you are doing several councils, will be used up quickly.

Girl Scout Councils have their list of girls usually ready by Feb. or early March. So contacting them now is a good idea, and then they will be prepared to print for you a list of girls to give you so you can print their names on the Good Citizenship Award.

Along with the Good Citizenship Award that you will be giving each girl it is suggested that you also give a letter congratulating each girl on achieving the award. You can email me for letter suggestions: carolelyston@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping to recognize the outstanding Girl Scouts in your area and remember to turn in your report of doing the certificates to me by June 1st.

Carole Lyston, National Girl Scout Chairman

MCLA MEMORIAL FUND

I would like to say thank you to everyone that has donated to the Memorial Fund. We couldn't do it without your funds coming in, we are continuing to ask for your support. All monies that we receive go to help and assisted the

Veterans and their families in needy times. When we receive a donation you can always put it "in memory of" a special person. Look for our table at the National Convention and help us by buying some tickets. We can always use some donations. If you have any questions go to the National website.

Debby Krueger
MCLA Memorial Fund Chairperson
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WITH THE DEATH OF EVERY FRIEND I LOVE.... PART OF ME HAS BEEN BURIED... BUT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO MY BEING OF HAPPINESS, STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING REMAINS TO SUSTAIN ME IN AN ALTERED WORLD. HK.



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FEBRUARY 2016 NEWS

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Pauline H. Morgan * 12/19/2015 Lewis G. Watkins Unit, Seneca, SC.
Condolences to husband: Gary Clint Morgan, 1463 E. Tamassee Drive, Seneca, S.C. 29672.

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Sue and Jack Whitlock, Past Dept of Illinois officers mourned the passing of their daughter Kelly. Kelly passed on Dec. 9th, 2015. Cards of condolence were sent to: 605 W. Walnut Street, Carbondale, Il. 62901.

Dept of Colorado member Bea Georgopulous lost her 89 year old brother, Fred. Cards of condolence may be sent to Bea at: 740 S. Alton Way, Unit 6B, Denver, CO. 80247.

Brass City Ct. member, Barbara Lamontagne lost her aunt this past month. Barbara needed our prayers as she made final arrangements for her aunt. Cards of remembrance may be sent to Barbara at: 83 Redcoat Road, Waterbury, CT. 06704.

Jamie Brooks from the Dept of Missouri lost her Marine Jim Brooks, Past Vice Commandant of the East Region of Missouri, to a sudden heart attack. Jamie had been a Dept officer for many years and Jim was a devoted Leaguer. Cards of condolence go to: 2162 Cedar Forest Court, Chesterfield, MO. 63017.

PNP Nancy Galvin lost her husband PNC Bill Galvin this past month. The Galvin's were very active in the Dept of NY for many years. Cards of condolence may be sent to Nancy at: 646 Evelyn Ave. East Meadow, NY 11154.



Prayers- We offered those powerful MCLA prayers to many of our members and their families this past month. Past Big Flea Glenda Travis needed them for her sister in law Bonnie who was having difficulty breathing and had to be hospitalized.

We sent prayers out to Jeanette Geise who was in the hospital for some time with back surgery. She had a setback that put her back in the surgical wing for a bit. We ask for continuing prayers for her as well. Cards of cheer are always welcome, 1625 Lind Street, Quincy, Ill. 62301.

We offered prayers for the husband of Wilma Allen, a member of the OLA committee from Kansas. Her Marine Bryson Allen, former Midwest Division Vice Commandant, had back surgery. I did give Bryson a call and his humor was intact and that humor he says gets him through things like this surgery. Cards of cheer and continued good health may be sent to him at: 11618 S. Greenwich Rd., Mulvane, Kansas 67110.

Our very strong MCLA members often have to tend to the needs of their Marine. Syd Minchen is one of those gals. Her hubby Tom has been in and out of the hospital dealing with his high sugar numbers. At this time Syd will have to help administer his insulin. We continue to send those powerful prayers to both of them for the strength to get through these times in their lives.

Elaine Scheiffer's husband Ray Carrier had hand surgery. Ray and Elaine are active members of the Dept of CT.

PNP Karen Washabaugh of Washington, is looking forward to her upcoming wedding to fiancé Bill Wheeler. However, she needed our urgent prayers as Bill

was taken to the hospital with the need for a quadruple heart bypass. He is resting at home now, with Nurse Karen taking care of him.

All Divisions Unit member from PA, Lorraine Zizzo fell and broke her shoulder. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: 217 S. Flint Court, Yardley, PA 19067.

We have some wonderfully happy news in that we can congratulate another All Divisions unit member Patty Lewis on the birth of her first grandson. Should you wish to send her a card the address is: 30 Hideaway Drive, Willow Grove, PA, 19090.



PRAYER SUMMONS ME. WHERE TWO OR MORE OF YOU COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, I AM WITH YOU.

THE PRAYERS OF A RIGHTEOUS WOMAN ARE POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Midwinter Conference in March.

God's Blessings,

PNP Barbara Nobile, National MCLA Chaplain



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