



MCLA NEWS

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Dates to Remember:

January 1 – New
Year's Day

February 14 –
Valentine's Day

From the Desk of the National President

Greetings Ladies!

Happy New Year to one and all! The holidays are over and the New Year has begun. There have been some good times in the past year and there have been some sad times. Let's begin this year on a good note.

We have two new units in Rocky Mountain Division – Congratulations to Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit and Thunder Mountain Unit! Welcome aboard new members! We are glad you could join us and are excited to see you get started.

I challenge each member to recruit one new member between now and the end of May. If you have already recruited one member this fiscal year, I challenge you to see if you can recruit one more. Just think how the Auxiliary would grow if we each bring in a new member!

The Mid-Winter Board Meeting is coming up soon. I call all Board Members to attend the meeting on March 3, 4 and 5 at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park (703-849-9400 for reservations, mention Marine Corps League to get the MCL room rate). Registration information can be found on the League's Web Site (www.mclnational.org) under Programs and then Mid-Winter. We will have the pre-board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and the regular meeting on Friday after the joint opening session. Any member in good standing that would like to attend the regular meeting on Friday and Saturday is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thursday evening there will be a joint MCLA, MCL and Devil Dog hospitality room where everyone is invited to attend. I look forward to seeing many of you there. If you have never been to a Mid-Winter conference, you are welcome to attend to see your Board of Trustees in action.

I did represent you at the Tree of Lights ceremony on December 1, 2015 that was held at the Chapel at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. It was a beautiful ceremony in a magnificent setting. There were several Auxiliary members present and I thank each of you for attending. While there I was able to visit with the Mickey Finn Unit at an informal planning meeting they had to plan their Christmas party for children. It was a good meeting and I enjoyed meeting members of the Unit. Thank you for asking me to join you for your meeting.

Please remember our Veterans who are in hospitals, rehab facilities, assisted living or nursing homes. Many of these were remembered during the holidays



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



Division Conferences:

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

Southern Division
Conference
April 8-10, 2016
Wyndham Garden
Hotel
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma
Details:
www.texasmccl.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

(Thanksgiving and Christmas) but are often left out the rest of the year. If you have a VA facility (hospital or clinic) near you, check to see if you can volunteer there and what they need from volunteers.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National President

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Aune,

Nat'l Sr. Vice President

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

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

We have all seen the handout "Why Volunteer" many times. It is often distributed at National Conventions or Mid-Winter National Conferences. When I was Central Division Vice President, I included the document and added my own touches: "Why Volunteer as a Member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary?" I included it in my folders (on the back of the "Why Volunteer" handout) to distribute to attendees at our annual Central Division Conference. Please feel free to use as you wish. You may find that it helps you to recruit some new members. I hope so!

Why Volunteer as a Member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary?

10. Our Marines need our support.
9. Our veterans and their families need our support.
8. It builds self-confidence.
7. It develops leadership skills.
6. It energizes oneself and stimulates the mind.
5. It improves self-esteem.
4. It builds lasting friendships and promotes harmony and good will.
3. It provides an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and share areas of expertise.
2. It increases self-respect and pride in oneself.
1. Your Marine(s) will respect and love you even more!

For details @ New
Engl. Div. website

<http://www.nedivisionmcleague.org/>

NORTHEAST
DIVISION
CONFERENCE

April 1-3, 2016

Holiday Inn

Wilkes Barre, PA

Additional
Information:

www.northeastdivmcleague.org



A final note – Don't limit your volunteerism to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Get involved in your community in other ways:

Ring bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

Help in the local hospital's gift shop.

Serve on a church committee.

Read to a class of school children once a month or teach a lesson about patriotism.

Help deliver "Door Bell Dinners" to shut-ins.

Check on elderly neighbors.

The opportunities are endless. Choose something that interests you and just do it!

Semper Fidelis and Happy New Year!

Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Our joyous holiday season is now history. The New Year presents wonderful opportunities for growth in our Auxiliary and renewed dedication helping Marines, our veterans and our communities.

Dual membership added to our bylaws in 2014 continues to have questions.

A dual member is counted in both units. They can hold office in both units.

At Department and National for voting purposes a regular member must declare their voting rights in one unit. (Primary Unit)

It is important to remember each new dual regular member must fill out Enclosure # 38 and attach it to the application. This form allows the Department & National to know which unit is being represented. Members wanting to transfer voting rights must submit Dual Member Transfer of Voting Rights Form. (Bottom of Enclosure #8) & send to National Headquarters. Headquarters will send receipted copies to Department & Division. It is commendable for these dual members to be willing & able to assist more than one unit. Time & effort are of great value.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Winter.

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Judge Advocate

SECTION 646 – DUAL MEMBERSHIP – (Membership in more than one Unit by the same individual.) (A) Any Member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary who is in good standing may apply for membership as a Dual Member in one or more additional Units. (Added 08/14) (B) For Dual Associate Members, the same rules and requirements

would apply as for Associate Members (See Section 600 Membership Eligibility (B).) (Added 08/14) (C) A Regular Dual Member would have to state which Unit would be her primary Unit for voting privileges on the Department and National level. In order to change one's voting privileges to a different Unit, a signed, approved, written request to transfer voting rights to the receiving Unit, with copies to the Department Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer (if one exists) and to the National Secretary, must be filed. (Added 08/14) (D) Each Regular Member may have only one (1) vote at the National and Department level with her primary Unit. (Added 08/14) (E) Individual Units may decide on voting privileges on Unit issues for Dual Members beyond the primary Unit. (Added 08/14) (F) Dues (National, Department and Unit) and Initiation Fees will have to be paid for each additional Unit into which a Member is accepted. (Added 08/14) (G) Nothing in Section 646 can or will supersede the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures or Standing Rules of a Unit, Department or National in regard to acceptance of an application or in regard to a change in the current membership status of a member. (Added 08/14)



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, Inc. DUAL MEMBER TRANSFER OF VOTING RIGHTS FORM MEMBER'S NAME

_____ As a Dual Member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, I hereby wish to transfer my voting rights from

_____ Unit, Dept. of _____ Name of Losing Unit to

_____ Unit, Dept. of _____ Name of Gaining Unit Signed:

_____ Date: _____

(Member requesting transfer of voting rights) Send one copy to National Headquarters. Headquarters will send a receipted copy to Department and Division.
08/2014 ENCLOSURE #8



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, Inc. DUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM INSTRUCTIONS:
ALL DUAL MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM. NEW DUAL MEMBERS MUST ATTACH THIS FORM TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. MEMBER'S NAME:

_____ PRIMARY (VOTING) UNIT:

_____ Dept. of _____
_____ DUAL (NON-VOTING) UNIT(S):
_____ Dept. of _____
_____ Dept. of _____
_____ Dept. of _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____ NOTE: Members wishing to transfer voting rights must submit DUAL MEMBER TRANSFER OF VOTING RIGHTS FORM (BOTTOM OF ENCLOSURE #8). Send one copy to National Headquarters. Headquarters will send a receipted copy to Department and Division.

Enclosure #38

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Joppa
National Judge Advocate

NORTHEAST DIVISION

The Departments and Units in the Northeast Division wish all of our Marine Corps League Auxiliary Sisters a Happy and Healthy New Year.

It's seems like only yesterday I was writing about the Happenings in the Northeast Division and here it is January, 2016 and my turn once again.

Below are some of the activities of the members of the Northeast Division in our efforts to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and members of our community.

Department of New Jersey West Hudson and Salem County Units member Alima Zimmer designed Holiday Cards to be distributed at the Veterans Home and sent overseas and also made bracelets which she sent to Operation Shoebox.

Department of New York John W. Thurston Unit was quite busy this past year by helping to clean out the home of a veteran which was being remodeled, held an open house on Veterans Day, participated in many parades, helped to organize an Annual Easter Egg Hunt for neighborhood children in the city's urban core, helped to organize and sponsor an Annual Night Out Against Crime and Drugs in the city's urban core as well as preparing and serving food at the event, helped to organize and host the annual ice cream social at a local church and hosted child care for an MCL member enabling them to attend monthly meetings, helped prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner at a local church and helped organize and serve free monthly dinners at a local church, and assisted the detachment in their

fund raising efforts for which they received a percent of the donations received for their own treasury.

Department of Pennsylvania unit members prepared personal care bags for the veterans at the Hollidaysburg, PA Veterans Home and the Southwestern Veterans Center in Pittsburgh, PA., adopted a Marine Veteran from the Soldiers & Sailors Home in Erie, PA purchasing a gift or gifts from their wish list and mailing them to Keystone Headquarters Unit member Lynette Chambers for distribution. Lynette visits each recipient personally and spends time with them while presenting them with their gift. The ladies of the All Divisions Unit made the holidays a little brighter for 12 seniors by adding a tin of cookies and a small box of candy to their Senior Boxes. And finally, Toys for Tots, many Department of Pennsylvania auxiliary members spent considerable hours during the months of November and December volunteering their time and talents.

In closing I would like to announce the National Northeast Division Conference will be held April 1-3, 2016 at the Holiday Inn, Wilkes Barre, PA.

Linda

Linda S. Chamberlain
Vice President Northeast Division



From the Desk of the National MCLA Web Master

Members and Associate Members



Greetings from Colorful Colorado. Hope your holidays were pleasant and Santa brought you everything you wanted.

Would like to pass along some information to all of you.

- When requesting to have your Unit Website listed on the National Website, please include in which Department and which Division your Unit is listed in. Example, my Unit is in the Department of Colorado in

the Rocky Mountain Division. Without this information, I have no idea where your Unit is located and only delays posting your website on National's. Please include this information.

- With most of us being on Facebook, we now have our own Facebook page!!! You can find/like us at <https://www.facebook.com/Marine-Corps-League-Auxiliary-1421655608051920/?ref=hl> We already have over 1,000 likes, let's keep this going. With that said, my main focus will always be on the website itself.

I encourage each and every one of you, the member, to use the website and these newsletters as a recruiting tool when you are out in your communities doing volunteer work for our beloved Auxiliary. Don't forget you can also print out our brochure that we have on the Website called "What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary" as an aide to recruit members.

Here's wishing a happy and healthy New Year to all of you!

Meg Krebs
Web Master



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT - JANUARY 2016



‘THERE ARE NO ORDINARY PEOPLE. YOU HAVE NEVER TALKED TO A MERE MORTAL,’ WROTE C.S LEWIS. IT’S TRUE—EACH ONE OF US IS A SPECIAL CREATION OF GOD.

This past month, two of our dear MCLA ladies lost the love of their lives. PNP Gloria Howard, lost her husband Jimmie Lee on December 5. Jimmie Lee was a 40-year member of the Devil Dogs and a 45-year life member of the League. Services for him were held on Dec. 12th with as many as 20 of his devil dog members in attendance. Cards of condolence may be sent to Gloria at: PNP Gloria Howard, 8351 Hilda Drive, Salisbury, MD. 21804-2218.

We all had followed the progress of Chuck LaBerge and were so pleased when he was able to return home to Florida and his beloved Lynn. Sadly, Chuck passed away on November 26th. And his services were held at Florida National Cemetery on December 16th. Chuck’s son, who is a minister, was on hand to preside at the service. Cards of condolence may be sent to HPNP Lynn LaBerge at: 11958 SE 84th Colerain Circle, The Villages, Florida 32162.

Karen Moreno, member of the General AA. Vandergrift Unit in FL lost her husband Manny to cancer, on December 14th. Their daughter Faith is also a member of the MCLA Unit. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Karen Moreno, 7409 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467

West Hudson, NJ member Linda Kapllarazuk, had surgery and could use our cheering cards. 33 Washington St. Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Mary Jane Lynch, Hardware City, CT member needed our prayers after her possible heart attack. Cards can be sent to her at: 187 Longview Drive, Kensington, CT. 06037.

Margaret Earley, founding member of the First Ladies of Maine Unit was in the hospital for heart related surgery. Cards can be sent to her at: 4527 Bennoch Rd. Alton, ME. 04468

Her husband sent a beautiful thank you to all of the MCLA members saying he has all the cards displayed on the wall in her room. At the writing of this newsletter she was still having a difficult time, but the family was looking at the positives. He stated Margaret is a fighter. He and his family greatly appreciate your cards and concern. Her husband is Reginald Earley, Commandant of the Greater Bangor Detachment. Keep the prayers going their way.

Our Prayers are needed for Member Syd Minchen as she tends to the needs of her hubby Tom. Tom is again battling cancer and will need chemo shots for a year following interferon treatments he had prior to the Holidays. This is a very exhausting series of treatments. Please keep both these dear friends in your thoughts and prayers. Cards of cheer can be sent to them at: 304 Sarhelm Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Jean Lawrence wishes to thank all who sent cards, flowers and prayers during her back surgery. She does not have the pain she had before. She was using a walker for a bit. She also wishes to send a special thank you to Elaine Schieffer for setting up the prayer chain for her while she was in the hospital.

Jeanette Geise has been in the hospital and rehab for surgery and could use our continuing prayers. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 1625 Lind Street, Quincy, Ill 62301.

I am asking for prayers for PNP Shirley Keyes who has some health issues as well.

I am sure there are many others who suffer in silence in our MCLA family. Just keep all of them in your prayers as we start a new year.

Wishing each of you the best of everything in this New Year.

Respectively submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

Assistant National Chaplain Mary Lou Webb





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