



MCLA NEWS

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MARCH 2016

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Dates to Remember:

March 13 –
Daylight Savings
Time Begins

From the Desk of the National President

Greetings to all our members! I am glad you are on board to volunteer to serve our organization and our Veterans! Spring is on its way and it will be a good time to get out and find a way to serve our Marines and other Veterans as we celebrate the beginning of new life in nature!

As this letter is coming out, we are in the middle of our Mid-Winter Conference so the report for that event will be in the April newsletter. I am looking forward to a great Conference and will be glad to see many of you there.



I must apologize to all of you for the difficulties I have had with my personal computer. Due to mechanical failures time after time, I was unable to get all my e-mail since sometime in December. If you have sent me an e-mail and have not heard from me, please resend that information to me at DeborahEvansMCLA@bellsouth.net. I spent a good bit of time on the phone with technical support so I could receive my e-mail on another computer. I am now up and running on my lap top and will always be able to get all my e-mail when I travel as well as when I am home. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you in communicating with me and me with you.

February has been a busy month for many of us as some Units hold their elections and installation of officers at this time of year.

I had the opportunity to attend a new Detachment Charter Presentation and was given an opportunity to speak during the presentation. I was also able to meet with four wonderful ladies afterward and discuss establishing a new unit there in West Tennessee. I am looking forward to the Auxiliary growing more as I have heard from other Divisions who are working to establish new units and I have signed three new charters so far this year. Keep up the good work ladies and keep recruiting many more members! We will grow as we recruit. One comment that I find creates some interest is mentioning in the conversation that we are "Looking for a few Good Women" to be a part of the Auxiliary.

Remember to get your reports turned in to your Departments if you live in a state where there is a Department. If there is no department, you will need to send your report directly to the chair of the particular committee. The names

(Set your clocks a head one hour)

March 17 –
St Patrick's Day

March 27 – Easter

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
Conference to be
listed here.

Southern Division
Conference
April 8-10, 2016
Wyndham Garden
Hotel

and addresses will be presented in our next newsletter so you will have the current information.

Also, this is a good time to be electing Delegates to the National Convention that will be held in Tulsa, OK this year in August. See the calendar of events to the left side of this newsletter for dates and info.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National President

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

March is here already and I know there are those who will be glad to see spring arrive with the warmer weather. This also means it is time for the National Mid-Winter Conference and I hope that many of you are planning to attend. I believe you will find it very informative and helpful. I was fortunate enough to attend the Michigan Mid-Winter Conference and it was amazing to hear about all the great things they are involved in. At the same time, they also presented a new charter. Congratulations!

As we move into warmer months and begin our summer activities, let's not forget those who are still struggling with their daily needs or those who are without family and to whom a kind word or gesture gives renewed faith and hope.

Getting outdoors and participating in those warmer weather events is also a perfect opportunity to get to know potential members, let them see what we do, tell them what and who we are.

Thanks to each of you for all you do every day.

Semper Fidelis,

*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,

Since last month's article dealt with ways to gain new members, this month seems like a good time to discuss how to retain current members. As we move into the month of March, and winter weather drags on for many of us, it's time to

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.nedivisi
onmcleague.org/](http://www.nedivisi
onmcleague.org/)

NORTHEAST
DIVISION
CONFERENCE

April 1-3, 2016

Holiday Inn

Wilkes Barre, PA

Additional
Information:

[www.northeastdivm
cleague.org](http://www.northeastdivm
cleague.org)

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

Doubletree by Hilton
Cleveland - Westlake

1100 Crocker Road,
Westlake, OH 44145

think “outside the box” and make a date “outside the meeting.” After being cooped up all winter, let’s get out of the house and have lunch together!

Why not invite all of your members to lunch, either at someone’s home or at a nice restaurant? I have found that our unit meetings are so busy with items on our agenda that we don’t really have time to relax, enjoy interesting conversation, and really get to know each other. If you have members who work throughout the week, you might want to schedule a weekend lunch date. (Don’t forget to offer to pick up those who need a ride.) If the event is scheduled at a members’ home, you might want to ask each member to bring a salad, entrée, vegetable, or dessert. If you are making reservations at a restaurant, you will want to let everyone know in advance that they will be responsible for their own check.

Try to lead the conversation to the particular interests and/or hobbies of your members. Make a mental note of what particular activities your members enjoy. Some may like to read or enjoy crafting or scrapbooking; others may enjoy sewing or quilting or singing. Still others may like to bake while others may love to go to yard sales. These interests and hobbies can be very beneficial to your unit. Someone may be willing to set up a bake sale fundraiser while another may volunteer to head up a unit yard sale. The unit could possibly host a sing-a-long at a local nursing home or serenade residents at a veterans’ home with the guidance of your musically talented members. Perhaps one of your scrapbooking members would like to put together a memory book of your group’s activities in support of your communities and veterans. Your “crafty” member might like to supply materials and mentor the members in making holiday or birthday cards to send or deliver to a veterans’ hospital. Your seamstress might want to chair a project of making lap blankets for veterans in nursing homes. The avid readers might volunteer to read to a class of school children on a monthly basis.

Good conversation over a casual lunch is an opportunity to more fully engage your members in your unit projects, and they may be more willing to participate if they know that their particular talents are welcomed and appreciated. Remember, the more you involve your members, the stronger your unit will become.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

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From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Auxiliary Members, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Mid - Winter. Pray for good weather & a productive session.

It was wonderful to participate in National Salute to Veterans program Feb 18th. Our hospitalized veterans enjoy the visits from Auxiliary & League members. It is always great to see their smiles.

- Phone (440) 871-6000

For Conference
Information, Agenda
and Program Rates
see

MCL National
Website
(www.mclnational.org)



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

This is a good time of the year to think about proposals to amend the Administrative Procedures that may benefit our members. They may be submitted prior to convention or at any National Convention by *any member*. Your ideas & your unit's suggestions are what bring the needed changes to make our Organization work better for all of our members. If you do not want to submit a change, but have suggestions, please forward them to the By-Laws Committee or to me.

By-Law Changes will not be in order until 2017.

Problems are opportunities to be solved & we can do that together.

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Joppa
National Judge Advocate

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

From the Desk of Central Division Vice President

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

This year's Central Division Conference is hosted by the Department of Ohio Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. It will be held on March 31st through April 3rd, 2016 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Westlake-Ohio. Complete information at (www.mclnational.org).

Our "Operation Little Angel" will be on Friday afternoon, April 1st, and we are hoping to have a representative from the "Blessing House" in Lorain, Ohio. The house serves as a safety net for children of families in crisis by providing a temporary safe home for children and support for their families.

NEEDS LIST FOR THE "BLESSING HOUSE"

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES: DIAPERS: Sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6, PULL-UPS: Size 2T, 3T, 4T, & 5T, *WET WIPES, PAPER TOWELS, *TRASH BAGS-(tall kitchen, medium & outdoor), KLEENEX, NAPKINS, PAPER PLATES, FREEZER STORAGE BAGS (sandwich and quart size), PLASTIC WRAP AND FOIL, PINE SOL, LYSOL SPRAY & WIPES, GLASS CLEANER, LAUNDRY SOAP-(high efficiency) ONLY, FABRIC SOFTNER SHEETS, DISHWASHER DETERGENT, 65 OR 75 WATT LIGHT BULBS, 100 WATT HALOGEN OUTDOOR FLOOD LIGHT BULBS, CHILDREN'S BODY WASH, CHILDREN'S SHAMPOO, CRAFTS AND BATTERIES

FOOD SUPPLIES: APPLESAUCE, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MACARONI & CHEESE, CEREAL (NO CHEERIOS), SUGAR, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, *BABY FOOD-Level 1 & 2, *BABY FORMULA: Similac or Similac Isomil Advance, GRANOLA BARS, FRUIT BARS, CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CANNED SOUP, RICE NOODLES, MANWICH, BAKED BEANS

*INDICATES HIGH NEED ITEMS

(NO CANDY LAND, SORRY, LIFE OR CHESS GAMES NEEDED)

SPECIAL NEEDS: GIFT CARDS TO GIANT EAGLE AND WALMART ARE VERY HELPFUL FOR BUYING THE FRESH FOODS AND MILK THAT ARE NEEDED. (Underwear- especially the smaller sizes for boys.)



BLESSING HOUSE
5440 GROVE AVENUE
LORAIN, OHIO 44055
(440) 240-1851

Looking forward to a productive and successful conference,

Judy Blackmer

Central Division Vice President



March 2016 National Chaplain News

Praxeda (Pat) M. Aylsworth * 12/30/2015 Flint Unit, Michigan. Condolences to: Son Ken Aylsworth, 1429 Dakota Ave. Flint, Mi. 48506.

Virginia Austin* 1/18/2016 Larry Nehring Unit, Des Moines, IA, Condolences to granddaughter, Misty Hayes Peckham, 5398 Pleasant Ridge Rd. Pleasant Hill, Ia. 50327.

Mary Kozuch* 2/09/2016. Mickey Finn Unit, VA. Condolences to her son and daughter in law: Mick & Michelle Tenn, 397 Forest Trail, Oviedo, Fl. 32765.

Rosemary Bressler*2/8/2016. Dept. of Colorado and National VAVS Rep. Condolences to daughter Karen Bressler: 6500 So. Dayton Street, Apt F107, Centennial, CO, 80111,

Bea Georgopulous wishes to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness following the passing of her brother.

Holiday Florida Unit member, Diane Camara lost her husband John. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 8102 Greenside, Bayonet Point, Fl. 34667-2142.

Anne Zakian from the Dept. of NJ had a hip surgery. I am sure she would enjoy some cheery cards from members as she heals. 109 Manor Lane, Willingboro, NJ. 08046.

Dept. of New York member, Sonia Rymer has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She will need our prayers and support as she goes through her treatments. PO Box 133, Bloomington, NY. 12411.

Dept. of Washington member, Anita Hooper has been diagnosed with cancer. She has a mass on one lung and three tumors on her brain. Please keep her entire family in your prayers and send words of cheer to: Rex and Anita Hooper, 11608 NE 7th Circle, Vancouver, WA. 98684.

All Divisions Unit member, Mary Bailey had cancer surgery and is home recovering. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: 2713 Dudley Court, Bensalem, PA. 19020.

Nebraska Unit member Julie Jirovsky is nursing her husband Mike, back to health after surgery. Their address for cards: 641 E. 14th St., Wahoo, Ne. 68066

Jo Dintelman, Frank J. Carroll Unit member from Colorado, lost her husband on January 11, 2016. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 13622 S. Chase Way, Yuma, AZ. 85367.

Dorothy Juskiewicz, former member of the West Hudson Unit in Kearney, NJ has been diagnosed with late stages of Alzheimer's. She is now a patient in a nursing home in Jersey City, NJ. Her daughter states cards of cheer would bring her great joy. Those cards may be sent to: St Ann's Home, 198 Old Bergen Road, Room 350, Jersey City, NJ.

Two Brass City Memorial Unit members needed our prayers. Frances McCann, 88-year-old Gold Star mother, had surgery on both wrists. Cards for her: 40 Edgemont Lane, Apt. 114, Wolcott, CT. 06716.

Faith Rhoades had surgery to remove a cancerous lump on her thyroid. Faith's sister was also in the hospital with a delicate pregnancy. Cards for Faith: 130 Matthew St. Prospect, Ct. 06712.

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Respectfully Submitted, National MCLA Chaplain, PNP Barbara Nobile and Assistant National Chaplain, Mary Lou Webb



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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 mystickcreature@msn.com in a Microsoft Word formatted document.