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Dates to Remember:

November 6 –
Daylight Savings Time
Ends

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARINES! 241 years of glorious history. Thank you to all Marines, near and far, for all that you have done and continue to do to ensure the great freedoms that we enjoy.



As we celebrate the birth of the Corps, please remember it is also a perfect opportunity to recruit new members. The ladies that come out to celebrate with their Marine may be looking for an opportunity like the Auxiliary can provide and the satisfaction that is gained from the type of projects we participate in. Don't be shy!

As provided in last months' newsletter, the new office address is 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ste 115, Stafford VA 22554. There has been a glitch with the phone number being 'ported' over so we will be using the following number until further notice: 571-477-2780. This number will ring right at Karen's desk. Please share this information with others that might need it.

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.

As you and your families begin the holiday celebrations, whatever that may mean to you, 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

November 8 –
Election Day

November 10 –
USMC 241ST Birthday

November 11 –
Veterans Day



November 24th –
Thanksgiving

December 7th – Pearl
Harbor
Remembrance Day

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

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

In September, I attended the Modern Day Marine Expo at Quantico, VA. This is an annual opportunity for vendors to showcase their latest technology in a bid to do business with the U.S. Marine Corps. There was a wide display of everything from huge armored and well-armed vehicles to the smallest of drones on display. It was also the venue for the presentation of annual awards to the top enlisted Marines and FMF Corpsmen in several categories. The awards are purchased and personally delivered each September by our own Honorary Past National President and long-serving National Convention Secretary, Lynn LaBerge. Thank you, Lynn!

While on the east coast, we did manage to make another memorable stop at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and drove to Fredericksburg, VA to check out the Hospitality House, the new venue for our Mid-Winter National Staff Meeting. We were given a personal tour of the beautiful hotel by their most gracious General Manager, Bonnie Martin. In addition to two in-house restaurants, there are many nearby eateries and opportunities for shopping as well.

Additionally, I just returned from the Department of Illinois 2nd Staff meeting held this past weekend in Bourbonnais, IL. It was hosted by the Kankakee Detachment and Unit. The Kankakee Unit officers were installed during the event. Congratulations, Ladies! Thank you, President Peg Myers (a Marine, by the way) and all of the Kankakee Unit members for a wonderful weekend!

If any of you are looking for a memorable way to recognize the combat veterans in your area, check out the Quilts of Valor Foundation website: www.qovf.org. Their mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Several of our Marine Corps League members in Illinois have received a quilt during very moving ceremonies organized by Junior Past Department of Illinois President Patti Morgan. If you are a quilter, you might also want to consider using your stitching skills in support of this wonderful foundation.

As always, thank you for your support of all veterans and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greeting Ladies,

My prayers go out to all who were affected by the recent Hurricane.

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

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

During the month of September, I have had the opportunity to visit several of the units.

It has been refreshing to see how well many units are doing the various things that make this Auxiliary great. Thank you all. The friendships, working together to help their Marines, other Veterans and the community are very different, but none the less impressive.

One unit changed their meeting night to insure the Detachment would have a better turnout for a steak fry. This is only one of the items this unit has done to create a bond of cooperation. This group of positive Ladies has the total support of the Detachment and it was fun to see them working together so well.

Another unit has so much going on that it requires the assistance of many of their small group, making each member a part of the success. Their selling of items to fund their projects is impressive. Their meeting is well planned & moves quickly leaving time to socialize.

Still two other units had guest speakers and both units had a super turn out of members. The speakers were outstanding. Different topics, however each group was delighted with the information given. Both of these meetings would have been good opportunities to recruit new members.

One unit meets at a restaurant, very small group of wonderful ladies. This works well and allows for the business at hand to be done with respect and dignity following the ritual.

One thing that stands out in every visit is the need to recruit new members. Giving an application and our great brochure is good, but has little value if there is no follow-up. A simple phone call to invite them to a special event or a special speaker who is at your next meeting just might spark the need to join. Your enthusiasm for your Auxiliary's purposes and how friendly you are, goes a long way. Keeping your current members informed and reminding them of the upcoming meeting or event helps retain membership.

Please share what is working for your unit. Send your successes to me at evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com and I will be glad to share news of your success.

In order to succeed, we must first believe we can. Most of our auxiliaries are doing far more than they themselves realize! Every unit has ups & downs, and just when things look really down, plan for the upswing, it will come!

I am looking forward to the many activities that November brings. Among are the Marine Birthday Balls, Veterans Day Parades, other events and of course Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy the freedom given to us, and be sure to thank a Veteran!



Veteran's Day

Thank you! to all our Veterans

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Joppa

National JR. Vice President



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of each month.**

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From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

With each passing week and month, I truly am honored to serve all of our ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. I have to say things have been really quiet for me as you Natl. Judge Advocate. I have had three phone calls that have small issues of concern that needed my help with assistance. The Bylaws and Administration procedures are our bible of guidance and with the help of your Unit and Department Judge Advocates, it makes my response and assistance so much easier and faster. I cannot thank you all enough for referring to them before I get your calls. It's important to always use your chain of command first, but of course my door is always open and please don't hesitate to knock.

I can't stress enough that it takes all kinds of ladies to make our auxiliary grow. We all have different ideas, views, recommendations and inputs for our auxiliary to work together and grow together. We all need to keep an open mind that we are all different. Just look how boring or redundant our auxiliary would be if we were all the same. So with that in mind, we need to work together as a team to accomplish our mission of serving our Marines, Marine families and community. In doing so I could possible work myself out of a job. ☺

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

From the Desk of the Girl Scouts Chairman

Girl Scouts are celebrating selling cookies for 100 years. There is a special cookie being presented called GIRL SCOUT S'mores.

The selling of cookies by the Girl Scouts to friends, relatives, neighbors or when doing a cookie booth sale, is a good way for them to practice to talk to adults and explain about the various cookies and reasons for the sale. The girls are also encouraged to sell cookies for gifts for our military. At booths, especially, people will give money to be used for troops to receive cookies. The various troop's sales monies are combined by the Girl Scout Council and arrangements are made by the council to send the cases to the military all over the world. In St. Louis, where I live, our Council gave 400 cases to Jefferson Barracks Hospital for the patients there, and shipped over 500 cases overseas.

So Girl Scouts learn at an early age to help our military. As some troops of girls get older, and they have had a lot of experience selling cookies at a booth, they have a completion between the troops as to which troop can

collect the most donations for military gifts. This is usually done at schools that have girls in Kindergarten thru 8th grade. The girls know each other in the various troops at their school, and a record is kept by the school cookie organizer.

This is only one of many experiences that the girls learn to help others. And so it is with the Girl Scout Gold Award. The activity that the girl does to earn her award must help the community and the activity must be able to continue by someone else.

Please begin to honor the Girl Scout Gold Awardees in your state. You don't have to live near the Girl Scout Council to do the awards. You can find the Girl Scout Councils on the internet. Then you just contact the Council and ask to talk to the chairman of the Gold Awards to explain about our National Good Citizenship Award. They should be impressed and will give you the names of the girls when they become available next Spring. You order the certificates from National, fill them in, and provide the certificates in time of the event that the council has to honor their girls.

Carole Lyston, Girl Scout Chairman

OCTOBER CHAPLAIN NEWS



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DORIS DEPTULA * 9/20/2016 Valley Unit in Ct. Condolences to daughter Marilyn Fitol, 401 Longview Ave., Shelton, CT. 06484

MARIE KEEFER * 9/13/2016 Landis MCCleaf Unit in PA. Condolences to: Dana Capehart. 110 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle, PA.

Kamela Ryan, Charter member of the Riverview Unit in Florida lost her husband Walt. Cards of condolence may be sent to Kamela Ryan family, 4420 Ohio Ave., Tampa, Fl. 33616-1012.

Lisa Solarczyk of the Keystone HQ Unit lost her brother Paul to cancer. He was only 56 years old. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 144 Carroll Street, Pittston, PA. 18640.

Kathy Cumbee, associate member of the Band of Brothers detachment in Illinois, mourns the passing of her brother, who passed suddenly due to cancer. Expressions of sympathy could be sent to her at: KCu338@aol.com.

We sent out prayers to the brother of our web master Meg Krebs. Her brother Fritz required emergency eye surgery and is now doing well, for which we are thankful.

Lake of the Ozarks member Tonia Kee had female surgery and needs our prayers. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: PO Box, 1327 Lake Ozark, MO. 65049.

Pauline Roberts from Susquehanna Valley Unit thanks us for the prayers for her niece, who had been bedfast for a month.

We sent prayers out to the Coleman family from Colorado and hope all is better now for the family.

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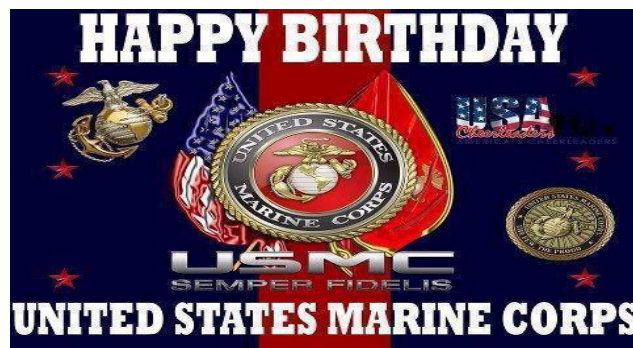
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