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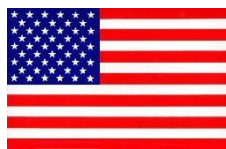
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Dates to Remember:

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

Congratulations to all the newly elected Auxiliary officers. We have a great team and I am sure we will accomplish great things. Your new officers are myself as President, Carol Smith from Illinois is the Sr. Vice President, Evelyn Joppa from Florida is the Jr. Vice President and Colleen English from Texas is the new Judge Advocate.



I want to thank the members for the opportunity to serve as your National President for the coming year. It is not a job that I take lightly and I promise to do everything, with your assistance, to further and grow our Auxiliary. I am also looking forward to strengthening our relationship with the League even more.

Now for some updates, a new secretary has been hired for the office. Her name is Karen Grady and she comes highly recommended. She will likely be starting the first week of September. PNP Jackie Hunter has graciously agreed to spend time at headquarters, providing some guidance and helping Karen become acclimated with the Auxiliary and our needs and processes.

In addition to this, we have been told that the National MCL will be moving their office in late September or early October. And we will have space in the new office like we now have. More to come on this as it develops.

For those that were not able to attend the National Convention in Tulsa, OK, you missed a great time and we missed you! The detachment did a great job and took care of everyone. The guest speaker at the banquet was the Commandant of the Marine Corps. A very gracious and warm person. His request was for more support for the Marines Helping Marines program and I am sure he will not be disappointed.

Ladies, I ask that you always remember our oath of office and what it means. If we use this to guide our daily lives and acts, we can never go wrong. Please keep our officers, at all levels, and our Marines and their families in your prayers.

God Bless you for all that you do.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President



Division Conferences:

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

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.

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

We had a wonderful and productive National Convention in Tulsa with 109 members in attendance. Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers and committee chairs and members. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your National Senior Vice President during the coming year.

As your National Junior Vice President, my duties included conducting the annual Division Vice/Assistant Division Vice training during the National Convention, compiling and sharing membership information, and honoring our top recruiters with certificates and recruiting ribbons. Many useful ideas were shared by those in attendance at the training session. Hopefully, they will be helpful in planning for your respective Division Conferences and sharing with your members.

Five new units were presented Charters during the past year. We currently have 3,083 members, a decrease of 207 members during the past year, which includes 32 deaths. Please make every effort to encourage your delinquent members to pay their dues. Congratulations to Mideast, Midwest, and Rocky Mountain Divisions, who have each seen an increase in membership during the past year. Those Departments that maintained or experienced an increase in membership are: Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, South Dakota, New York, and Colorado. Our top units, who more than doubled their membership, are: Lake of the Ozarks (MO), Thunder Mountain (CO), Rocky Mountain Diamonds (CO), and DeSoto (FL). Great work, Ladies!

Congratulations to our 2016 Recruiter of the Year, Mideast Division Vice President Judy Horensky of the L/Cpl Robert W. Deane Unit in the Department of Maryland. Judy recruited eleven new members. We had a three way tie for second place with each recruiting ten new members. Congratulations to Andrea Watson, Sandy VanTol, and Debra Pierson. Also receiving certificates and ribbons for recruiting five or more new members were: Sherrie Kimmen (9), Susan K. Fletcher (7), Deborah Krueger (6), Mildred Bernier (5), Lynda Hartwick (5), and Emily Johnson (5).

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our veterans and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Thank you for your support! I am humbled & honored to serve our membership. Our recruiting efforts are working and we have a number of new

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auxiliaries and more to come. However we have lost many members for various reasons. Mentoring new members is important as is keeping in touch with our existing members. Life situations change daily and reasons for not being active or not renewing are as varied as grains of sand. For those members who want to work for our purposes & goals, we need to find the things that excite them and make them happy to be involved. Workshops at Department & National are filled with many successful opportunities that may aid every auxiliary. Each unit has the opportunity to take advantage of this knowledge.

Our dues expire annually August 31 every year. Please pay dues as soon as possible.

Paying dues early help the local unit in their budget planning as well as Department & National. Members are delinquent 90 days after August 31, 2016. This means they are not in good standing until dues are paid.

Our life membership is available to all members.

Administrative Procedures Chapter Seven: SECTION 735 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Up to age 35	\$500
Age 36 to 40	\$400
Age 41 to 50	\$350
Age 51 to 60	\$300
Age 61 and over	\$150

If I may be of any assistance just call or email. My door is always open.

Semper Fi

Evelyn B. Jeppa

National JR. Vice President

From the Desk of the Jr Past National President

Members:

Thank you to everyone who supported me during my term of office as National President. We had a good convention with some fun included. I handed out door prizes for each session beginning with the first session after the joint opening. Thank you to all who came to the convention. We had some new members attend for the first time, welcome and look forward to seeing you again. We had 77 Delegates registered in attendance. I look forward to serving the Auxiliary as the Junior Past National President and serving you in other ways as we move forward. Remember to ask everyone you meet if they are related to a Marine. If everyone recruits one new member, we will double our membership. Speaking of recruiting, Congratulations to Judy Horensky, Mid-East Division Vice President, the recruiter of the year with 11 recruits. We had a three-way tie for second place, each with 10 recruits. Congratulations to

all who recruited at least one new member this past year. Keep up the good work. Let's all work together to make the MCLA a better organization.

Deborah Evans, PNP
Jr Past National President

From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

The 93rd Marine Corps League National Convention that was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma has come to an end. The officers and members of the Department of Oklahoma Marine Corps League and Auxiliary did a wonderful job on making this year's convention a memorable one. We want to thank them for all of their hard work including the shuttle service they provided for everyone.

I would also like to congratulate our newly elected officers for the coming year and wish everyone a successful and productive year ahead.

Today, everyone is feeling the effects of the economy, especially not for profit organizations. We need to focus on attracting new members. We need to let potential members know what we do and how valuable our organization is to our veterans and their families and how we make a difference in their lives.

The way we interact with our members will also affect our retention. When a member chooses not to renew, we need to find out why and use their responses to help us in the future.

Getting new members to join the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and retaining our current members will be the key to success of our organization. Our Units and their members are the base of our organization and we need to work hard to keep everyone happy and active. More members will bring more opinions, more suggestions and more discussions which will help achieve more constructive and inventive ideas to help us work together for our organization's goals.

Remember dues expire on the 31st day of August of each year. A member is delinquent when dues are not paid and transmitted within 90 days after the membership expiration date. (Late transmittals will have an effect on the budget and income reports at National.) Remember to include your EIN# and Incorporation # on the top of your Transmittal Form and the \$3.50 for the bonding fee. Also, please make sure the printing is clear and can be read on all copies.

Department Presidents, when you are installing your units make sure they include their EIN#, last 990 filing date, and Incorporation Number on the top of the Installation Form.

Every year is a new beginning so let's all take a deep breath and start recruiting.

Semper Fidelis,

Judy Blackmer

Central Division Vice President

Girl Scouts

Just a follow up after our National Convention; I gave to 9 states certificates for awards for doing the Good Citizenship Award to Girl Scouts. Those states were: Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and New Jersey.



Several ladies talked to me after the meeting about doing the award. So hopefully we will add a few more states next year doing the Good Citizenship Award to Girl Scouts in their area. To start out you contact the Girl Scout Council in your area and explain about our award. Then you need to explain that you need to get the girls names to put on the awards. If you want me to contact the Girl Scout Council that you are interested in doing the award for, just email me with that request. I will be glad to help you with any questions the Council may have to get the project started for you to do. Some states have many Girl Scout Councils. If you have a Girl Scout Organizer in your state, both the Organizer and Girl Scout Chairman for your Department, she can help plan which auxiliary units do which Councils in the state. Or the Department may do all of them.

We had some really nice speakers at the convention. A lady spoke and I learned a lot about different organizations and what they do for our veterans, and their families. Had two gentlemen talk about the Young Marines and their purpose to help boys 8 years thru teens. The Little Angel representative spoke about the problems common in families today in our country, and how his church orphanage was helping children. It was a very educational experience learning about organizations helping our youth and their families in our nation that I had no idea existed.

Carole Lyston, National Girl Scout Chair
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Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas



BIG FLEA NEWS !



We all had a Hopping & Jumping good time at the National Flea Scratch in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Western Theme brought out many Cow-Girl Fleas and a couple of Indians, too. **It was a great party for Big Flea Pat Engel.** Several new Fleas were initiated into our National Flea Hide, and about 100 initiating Devil Dogs came through our Flea House for us to pester them.....We ARE good at that !

NOW, our new MADAM BIG FLEA is Rogene Hackbarth.

Congratulations Rogene, and a “Great Big Flea Salute” to you from all the Eggs, Crawlers and Fleas across the Land.

Announcement: Our Theme for the 2017 National Flea Scratch is **“Patriotic - God Bless America”**. So, shine up your Patriotic Spirit and your Red, White & Blue. AND, ALL OF YOU EGGS, CRAWLERS AND ‘WANNA-BE-FLEAS’ & Fleas, start to get yourselves ready to have some “Hopping Good Flea Fun” in Kansas next year. We’re *Hopping* to see you there ! 

For more information about the MODD Fleas, visit our website at www.nationalmoddfleas.org. Or you can contact Madam Big Flea Rogene Hackbarth at 3345 Lazy Acres Lane, The Villages, FL 32163 marinejimh@comcast.net , ph.: 815-284-1619

Semper Mordendi,
Elaine Schieffer
Studios Flea

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

The MCLA Department of Texas State Convention was held in Dallas, Texas on June 25th, 2016. The Auxiliary held a very successful business meeting; elected, and installed new officers for the coming year. They hosted a Meet & Greet for all women convention attendees, an Operation Little Angel session benefiting the City House Children’s program in Plano, Texas; and a raffle benefiting the Department OLA program. During the banquet, the Auxiliary Member of the year was awarded to Karren Ogg.

The MODDF Hide held a very fun filled “Flea-Circus” Scratch which included a costume contest, installation of a new Crawler, & pesterin’ 3 new MODD Pups. The Flea donations also benefited the Dept. OLA program. The Hide presented a MODDF appreciation certificate to the hosting MCL Detachment and presented

the 3rd annual *Marie Williams* Flea of the Year award to Flea-Barbara Hixson.



Dept. of Texas Auxiliary members



Flea of the Year
of the Year

Barbara Hixson



Dorcas Simpson, Linda Blair – OLA donations

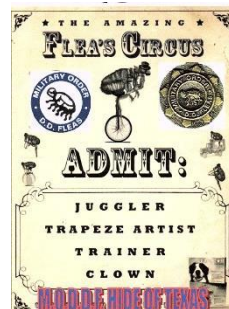


MCLA Member

Karren Ogg



Ring Master-Brenda Tomonelli
Dorcas Simpson-Flea Clown



Flea Circus Poster



Clown- Linda Blair

SEPTEMBER CHAPLAIN NEWS

BARBARA J. WILSON * JULY 27, 2016 life member of the West Central IL, Leathernecks. Cards of condolence: Husband, Thomas A. Wilson, 500 South Fayette, Jacksonville, IL. 62650.

PNP Gloria Lutz lost her love of 62 years. Marine Ernie Lutz passed away on July 19th. For those who had the pleasure of knowing Ernie, you soon learned he was a true marine officer and gentleman. Cards of condolence may be sent to Gloria at: 417 Bartell Drive, Chesapeake, VA. 23320.

Peggy Tuohy, Dept. of Michigan lost her brother Jim Doherty. Cards of condolence may go to her at: 3171 Ivy Lane, Grand Blanc. MI 48439.



Gayle Heath, Dept. of Florida, Barefoot Bay Unit, mourns the passing of her mother in law. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: Ms. Gayle Heath, PO Box 1272, Roseland, Fl. 32957.

Dorothy Starkey from the LCPL Justin J. Wilson Unit was in need of our prayers ash she fell on her front porch and was hospitalized. Address for cheerful cards: 1123 NW. Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, FL. 34994.

PNP Shirley Keyes had surgery and when she heals from that event will have both knees fixed so she can once again dance.

Prayers were requested for Bob and Margo Reed due to a pressing health matter in their family. Cards of support may be sent to: 2 Wood Path Lane, St. Peter, MO. 63376.

Stephanie Fitol from the Dept. of CT fell and required hip surgery. Pray for her that her healing is speedy. Cards go to her address: 401 Longhill Ave. Shelton, CT. 06484.

Connie Miller from the Nebraska Unit had back surgery and is need of our prayers. 520 W. Leighton Ave. Lincoln, NE. 68524.

Terry Souder, Dept. of PA needed our prayers for some breathing issues. It was felt she may have pneumonia.

Brass City Unit member from CT. Gold Star Mother, Franny MC Cann is still in Cheshire House nursing facility. Cards of cheer for her go to: Cheshire House Nursing and Rehab. 3396 East Main St., Waterbury. CT. 06705.

New Brass City member, Yvette Jessup has been in the VA hospital many times the past month. Cards to cheer her go to: 330 Piedmont St., Waterbury, CT. 06706.

Congratulations to all newly elected National officers. Our prayers go out to our new Madame President, Karen Aune.

Respectfully Submitted, National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile



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