



MCLA NEWS

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From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary



Ladies, it's that time! I hope to see as many of you at National Convention as possible. It should be a great time.

This is a Bylaw change year and we have received some for consideration. I ask that everyone attend the meetings with an open mind and be receptive to others points of view.

Every Auxiliary member has a voice and deserves to be heard. Please remember that we are all trying to accomplish the same thing. We also have some Administrative Procedure changes for review and voting. In addition, we will review and vote on the budget for our new fiscal year. All of these things directly affect every member of the Auxiliary.

As a reminder, every Unit and Department should be operating on the same fiscal year as the National organization. That is July 1 to June 30. I realize that we have multiple deadline dates but this is a very important one and we need to be mindful of it. Your Division Vice President will have the information necessary to accomplish this if needed.

As I am sure you are aware, the deadline for dues is fast approaching. Please send those to your Unit Treasurer as soon as possible for processing. This helps keep the membership numbers as up to date as possible. Department and Unit Treasurer's should be diligent to ensure that their transmittals are completed and forwarded on quickly to avoid delay.

I want to say thank you to all the members who work so hard volunteering at the local VA hospitals and CBOC's, those that donate and spend time with our Veterans, assist their families and help make their communities better and all the other things you do to make a life better. There are so many things that would go undone if not for you. You are the reason this organization is so great and the reason why I am so proud to have served as your National representative for the last year.

Please remember our servicemen & women in your daily prayers.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

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



Division Conferences:

Calling all
Division Vice President's:
Send in the Dates of your
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

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Are you making last minute preparations and packing your bags for our National Convention? I hope to see many of you in Overland Park, Kansas in a couple of weeks. There are so many opportunities at conventions to share ideas, learn new things, renew acquaintances, and meet new Auxiliary members.

As Chair of the President's Council, it is my privilege to invite you to attend the Tuesday morning Department President's Council meeting. It will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room (Pipes) in the Convention Center. This will be a very informal meeting that will provide an opportunity to discuss things that work (and those that don't work) in any and every aspect of our organization. The meeting is open to all members, but it is especially for those who are serving or have served as president of a unit or department as well as those who aspire to assume leadership positions. Please bring some ideas that work for your unit and/or department to share with all of us.

Many new and exciting things come out of these meetings that members may take back home to use with their respective units and departments. I always take away fresh and inspirational ideas for retaining current members, recruiting new members, raising funds, and supporting our philanthropic programs that serve our veterans and my community.

Thank you, as always, for all that you do. See you in Kansas!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies,

The National Convention is right around the corner. It has been my honor and joy to serve as your National Jr Vice President. Thank you for this opportunity and I hope to continue to serve our auxiliary members. As we grow, may we have more success in recruiting and retaining members. It has been wonderful to see more of how much our auxiliaries do for the veterans and our communities and to be part of an organization that really has heart and soul for this great nation.

This year's convention, a bylaws year affords us the opportunity to shape the future. I hope all have had an opportunity to visit with our units and know their thought to best represent all our members.



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I would like to remind everyone that there will be a President's Council meeting usually scheduled Tuesday morning and the Division Vice Presidents meeting usually at Lunch Tuesday.

These meetings are open to all members that currently hold the office and those who are interested in holding one of these offices. These meetings are a chance to share ideas and learn from others.

Ladies I choose to be encouraged by all the remarkable things each of our units accomplish each year. May we find the solutions that attract more ladies to join our Auxiliary?

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. **Helen Keller**

Look forward to seeing many of you in Kansas. Safe travels.

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

As the months have turned into weeks, national convention is just around the corner. I'm hoping that all the units and departments have all their questions answered for our bylaw year. I've had a couple of questions this past month, one has to do with membership dues and when they are due. Please note that it can be found in your Bylaw section, page 22-23, section 610-Membership Dues and Fees, para; (D). Please read. The second question has to do with how long to keep unit/department minutes. This can be found in your Bylaws section, page 14, section 330-Files, Files shall be kept for FIVE (5) years – past Four (4) and current year. ALL LEGAL RECORDS are to be retained in proper files. NOT TO BE DESTROYED, regardless of who may assume they are obsolete and of no value. Oldest file is to be shredded each year. Applications for membership should NEVER be destroyed. To help make clear, financial records are to be retained as above stated 5 years, minutes are legal records, maintained permanently.

My July question and answer:

There has been a lot of news media talk about our U.S. President and our politicians. In what section of our bylaws/administrative procedures does it state how we are able to participate in political issues? Please state where Bylaws / Administrative Procedures, chapter, section, page.

Answer is found in Administrative Procedures, Chapter One (1), section 110 – Policy, para (A), (B), (C). Please read, you will truly understand the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary policy.

Thank you to all who have showed interest in their bylaws/administration procedures to research the answer. But I'm hoping to have many more responses for next month. Remember, you will have only one month to answer it, because I will include the answer in my next month's input and then it won't count. I'm keeping track of all who respond and will be rewarded at national.

Do you need a Unit flag?

please contact Mary Ann at:

US FLAG & SIGNAL
802 FIFTH STREET
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23704
OFFICE: (757) 497-8947
mmercier@flagmaker.com
average lead time 4-6 weeks
current cost \$485

Don't forget:

**Subscriptions for a hard
copy of the Newsletter
for 2017-2018 are \$10.
Please send check or cc
information to HQ's by the
end of August!**

One more month to see if there is enough interest to continue. A great way to learn and have fun doing so.

My question for this month: Has to do with National Convention, where is this answer found?

How many members can one Delegate and one Alternate be accounted for during a national vote?

I promise to do my very best for all of you.

My Motto is: "Let's Flip the Light & Do What's Right"

Colleen M English

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Uniform Committee Chairman

We have been working with CINTAS to re-open our account with them and standardize our ordering process. Eventually, there will be a complete online process, but for the time being please do the following to order uniform items from CINTAS:

Open: www.Cintas.com

At the very top, right click on **My Company Store**

A little window will pop up asking for MyCintasID. **Enter 51199050001 and click Go.**

On the left, under **Return Visitors:**

Login: MCLAHQ@aol.com (Both are Case Sensitive.)

Password: MCLA1Uniform

You will be taken to the shopping page. At the very top it will say "Welcome, Karen G"

On the left are options: Blouses, Suiting and Sweaters – these are your MCLA approved items from which you can choose.

Once you have placed your items in your shopping cart, you will need to call **800-864-3676** to complete your order over the phone due to the current set up.

Simply give them:

1. The order number
2. Your name and shipping address
3. Payment information
4. Your email address

Or you can call Jake Handorf, our CINTAS Representative, directly at **708-924-4956**.

Let him know you would like to place an order from the Marine Corps League Auxiliary selection. He is very helpful.

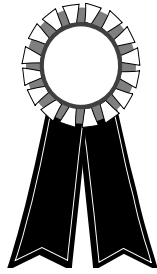
If you have any questions or issues please feel free to contact me.

Susie Lee

National Uniform Chairman

SDopey@sbcglobal.net

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Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

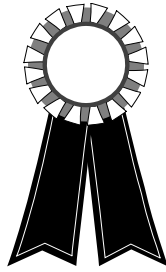
Morris R Dixon JR Unit

Clearwater Florida

Morris Dixon Members participate in the Marine Rose Program at the Oldsmar Flea Market.

Back Row- Lucille Evangelista, Evelyn Joppa, Marine John Diaz (from AZ. just visiting), Fran Cona & Front Row-Nina Pilon. All had a fun time. Passing out The Marine Roses, the brochure- What is the Marine Corps Auxiliary? And information on the Marine Corps League Detachment 54. We had a super day in 90-degree weather. July 8th





Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Marion Unit

Ocala, Florida

New President Debra Rettig finds a neat way to raise money, Husband Wilber stated if the auxiliary could raise more than \$50 he would allow his beard to come off. The auxiliary raised more.

Way to go Ladies!



Debby & Wilber Rettig



Florida Pound#175, Patrick J Joynt, Pound Keeper: Honors Marion Unit Auxiliary Members Caroline Ballantine and Debra Rettig for their help with the Devil dogs.



GIRL SCOUTS

By the time you read this article Girl Scout Councils nationwide will have given their Gold Awardees their awards. Most council's have ceremonies for the girls to receive their awards before the end of June. So if you are just learning that we do a certificate for Girl Scout Gold Awardees and are interested in doing our Good Citizenship Award to them you will have to plan to do it next Spring (2018).

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn in scouting. It is a lot of work, and learning experience for the girl, but the achievement is outstanding. So to honor that they achieve the Gold Award we give them our Good Citizenship Award. The awards are purchased from our National Office. With the award I suggest you also give the girl a congratulations letter. Please email me for suggestions of what you could write in the letter.

It has also been suggested that we give with the award a letter of explanation of where your auxiliary is located and the purpose of the auxiliary. I will be working on that idea and will have some suggestions of examples for the National Convention in August

Thank you to the auxiliaries that did honor the girls that received the Gold Award.

Carole Lyston, Girl Scout Chairman

Operation Awakening 2 "The Long Patrol"

Those that attended the Mid Winter Conference, Tim Tuomey began his hike on the Pacific Crest Trail June 15, 2017 from the Washington Canadian border. For those that may not know he is a former Recon Marine and lives "Leave no Marine Behind". He is doing this to raise \$100,000.00 for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. The plan is to reach the California Mexican border and present the check for \$100,000.00 to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund Camp Pendleton CA home of The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and 1st Marine Division; estimated time of arrival 11/10/2017.

Tim was a guest at our MCLA MCL Dept of Washington State Convention, Spokane WA June 10, 2017. We were in tears by the time his presentation was complete. Good tears. We presented him with a check for \$250.00 for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.



Left to right: Jane Montgomery, Judi Bennett, Trish Jones, Sam Dressler, Jaci Kruse, Sena Moreland, Tim Tuomey, Susan Douglas, Vickie Brown, Sandy Falter, Pam Paneda, Jeanette Bolte

The units in the Northwest contributed words of inspiration on an index card with their name, unit name and state. I had the privilege to meet him with the Yakima/Kittitas Unit and Detachment at the White Pass resupply point in WA. We all had great conversations individually with him and he thanked us as well as our employers that gave us time off. By the time this article is printed Tim should be in California on the Pacific Crest Trail. I encourage you to donate and track him www.opawakening2.org . He is taking one step at a time. Include that you're a member of MCLA and comment.

Always Faithful,
Susan Douglas, Div VP Northwest

Presentation of check. Left to right: Tim Tuomey, Susan Douglas and Jaci Kruse.





AUGUST 2017 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS

CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE ; AND I SHALL RESCUE YOU, AND YOU WILL HONOR ME. PSALM 50:15

GENEVA ROGERS-MAY * 11-23-2016. The Greater Banger Area MCLA. Condolences to : Walter May, 894 State Highway 80, Fort Plain, NY.

BEVERLY FULLER * 1-15-2017. Melvin M. Smith Unit, Spokane, WA. Condolences to: James L. Fuller, 6534 Lois Way, Nine Mile Falls, WA.

JEAN FULLER * 7-03-2017. Winnebago Unit, WI.. Condolences to her son: Ross Fuller, 320 Captains Court, Winneconne, WI. 54986.

AGNES MCDEVITT * 6-17-2017. West Central Illinois Leathernecks Unit. Condolences to: James McGrath, Springfield , Ill, (no other address was given).

JUNE LEDET * JUNE 2017. Life member of defunct LA unit. Cards of condolence go to her family. 113 Timberwood Drive, Gray, LA 70359.

IRENE B. BABCOCK * 6-02-2017. Alamo Texas Unit. Condolences to: Jack Babcock, 217 Stafford, San Antonio, TX. 78208.

45 of our members were reported as entering into their eternal reward this past year. I have no doubt we lost more but these are the ladies that were reported to me. May they rest in peace.

Our dear President Karen Aune lost her beloved Ken. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Mrs Karen Aune, 3121 Fort Jackson Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32246.

Our dear friend Joan Devlin lost her beloved Ray. Cards of condolence may be sent to : Mrs Joan Devlin, PO Box 548, Frederick, PA. 19434.

Prayers were requested for HPNP Lynn Laberge as she underwent a breast biopsy. She has also been diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. Please keep her in your thoughts.

CT. Past Dept. President, Donna Rampone, had knee surgery and is home recovering. Address for cards of cheer : 530 Edgewood Rd., Kensington, CT. 06037.

Lake of the Ozarks Unit President, Lynda Hartwick recently had foot surgery. Cards of cheer for her go to: 34 Bluff Ridge Dr. #1C , Lake Ozark, MO. 65049.

Pat Amick, Central Missouri Unit member, had surgery this past month, Cards of encouragement go to : 2610 Tanglewood , Jefferson , MO, 65109.

Larry Nehring Unit member Teresa BeLieu, from Des Moines, Ia, had a run in with a tree on her bike. She is home now recuperating after elbow surgery. Her recovery will be lengthy and at this time she is in great pain. Cheerful cards are welcome : 3700 SW 31st Street, Des Moines, IA. 50321.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT ELSE YOU PUT ON , WEAR LOVE. IT'S YOUR BASIC, ALL PURPOSE GARMET. NEVER BE WITHOUT IT. Colassians 3;14.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, SUBMITTED BY PNP BARBARA NOBILE

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



National Chaplain, Barbara Nobile, member of the Larry Nehring MCLA Unit, Des Moines, Iowa, sings the National Anthem during a Memorial Day services at the Iowa Capitol Grounds. Barb is joined by Marine Stan Gustafson and Marine Chuck Ptetke.



President Karen appreciates your thoughts and prayers. Donations in memory of her husband Ken may be made to the MCL Foundation please specify Scholarship Fund.

CAST YOUR CARES ON THE LORD AND HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU: HE WILL NEVER LET THE RIGHTEOUS BE SHAKEN, PSALM 55:22

LORD, You send your Angels to us each day when we need them most. We thank you for the Protection, the Reassurance, and the Blessings they offer in Your Name. Please continue to shower our National President, Karen Aune at this heartbreaking time in her life.

When life seems darkest and we feel lost and alone, that is when we are surrounded by angels who care for us. All we need to do is open our hearts to see them reaching out to us with love.

Every member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is spreading their arms of love to our friend Karen and her family.

I THOUGHT I HEARD AN ANGEL WHISPER IN MY EAR, TELLING ME WHICH WAY TO GO AND THAT SHE'D GUIDE ME THERE.

I THOUGHT I FELT A WISP OF A WING BRUSH AGAINST MY ARM, SURROUNDING ME WITH LOVING GRACE TO KEEP ME SAFE AND WARM.

I THOUGHT I SAW AN ANGEL DANCING THROUGH THE AIR, SPREADING JOY TO ALL BELOW WHO CALLED TO GOD IN PRAYER.

I THOUGHT I MET AN ANGEL IN A LOVING CARING FRIEND, THERE FOR ME THROUGH THICK AND THIN, LOYAL TIL THE END.

I THOUGHT I TOUCHED AN ANGEL IN THE ARMS OF ONE I LOVE, ENFOLDED IN THE GENTLE GLOW OF BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to President Karen and her entire family on the passing of their loved one, Ken Aune. May President Karen know and feel the Loving Presence of Each One of Us, wrapping her in love and understanding. We were all Blessed to have known Ken and will miss his Earthly Presence.

National Chaplain Barbara Nobile



PROGRAMS OF PRIDE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

The Department of Texas MCLA meeting was held in Beaumont, Texas on June 24th, 2017. Department President, Johnnie Lopez, presided over the Business Meetings. The Department Activities' Chairmen presented awards to Units for their varied programs. The members, also, held a very profitable Raffle benefiting the MCLA's charitable endeavors. The Department was honored to have National Judge Advocate, Colleen English install the elected and appointed Officers at the Banquet. President Lopez, also, presented a donation on behalf of the MCLA to the MCL Commandant for the Department sponsored Cam Posey Scholarship Fund. The MCLA Member of the Year award was presented at the Banquet to Martha Cisneros-Martinez of the Alamo Unit.

The MODDF Department of Texas Hide held the Grand Scratch with the theme: "Flip-Flop-Flea Tropical". Big Flea, Viola Trevino, hosted a colorful, fun-filled Scratch, and costume contest. She also, installed a dancin', flip-floppin' - bunch of new Hide officers. Big Flea, Viola, presented donations from the Scratch to the MCLA Dept. of Texas Operation Little Angel fund. At the Banquet, the annual *Marie Williams' Flea of the Year* Award was presented to Flea Karren Ogg.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS MCLA



Americanism Award



Attending Colors



MCLA Member of the Year



MCLA Officer installation

MODDF HIDE OF TEXAS



Flea Banner



Flip-Flop-Flea Doggie Mascot



Dog Pesterin' Costumed Tropical Fleas



Flea of the Year



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KU Jayhawks will see you at the National Convention in Overland Park, KS

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