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Dates to Remember:

February 2, 2017 –

Groundhog Day

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

Happy February! Here we are, already into the 2nd month of the new year. I hope that you all took my suggestion from last month's article about renewing our commitment to the Auxiliary. It is so important that we remain focused on the purposes we serve and those that we help.



The Mid-Winter Conference will be held March 2-4, 2017 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA. The rates are \$89 a night plus tax. You can call 540-786-8321 or visit the MCL National website at www.mclnational.org, - Programs - Mid-Winter and make your reservations online. The Registration information was included in the January newsletter as well.

In January I was able to attend the Veterans Inaugural Ball 'Salute to Heroes' in Washington. It was an amazing experience and a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The updated price list for the Ships Store is now available. We have been able to replenish almost every item. A few are still outstanding but should be in soon, but certainly no later than Mid-Winter. There have been some very slight increases in some of the prices, because, like everyone else, we are affected by rising costs. However, our secretary has been able to keep our merchandise costs as low as possible by seeking out new vendors when needed.

In addition to the reminder last month to use the most up to date forms by obtaining them from the website, I ask that you be sure to follow the instructions on those forms, that they are complete, legible and sent to all the parties that should be receiving them.

Thank you for all that you do every day in service to our veterans, their families and communities. You are what make this Auxiliary the great organization that it is! I look forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Winter.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

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

February 14, 2017 –
Valentine's Day

February 20, 2017 –
President's Day



Division Conferences:

Calling all Division
Vice President's: Send
in the Dates of when
you're Division
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.

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

I just want to remind everyone that the semi-annual Department Presidents Council meeting will be held on Friday, March 3 at 7:45 a.m. during the Mid-Winter Conference. All Department and Unit Presidents are encouraged to attend.

In addition, I hope many of you will be able to join me in recognizing and honoring National President Karen Aune at our Saturday morning breakfast during the conference. It will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held at Ledo's Pizza and Pasta restaurant in the conference hotel. This breakfast is open to all Auxiliary members in attendance.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do for our veterans and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies

The new year is in full swing and there is much to do. I for one am looking forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Winter. It will be wonderful to renew old friendships and learn of the great things you are doing at your Unit and Department.

The Auxiliary has several forms that need to be completed during the year. Many of us may know how to accomplish these tasks and the value of proper paper work. However, many of our newer members do not have this knowledge. As a reminder for those who know and new members as they progress to leadership the following covers these forms briefly. All forms have the proper information of who should receive a copy and how that is accomplished. All forms are on the National web site and can be printed or downloaded. Some are interactive.

Internal Bonding Form (Enclosure #2) This form is sent in with the first Transmittal Payable August 31 of each year, (\$3.50 for each department and unit). This form (3 copies are sent in to the Department Treasurer (where a Department exists). Department keeps one and forwards two to Headquarter. Headquarters will sign and return one copy to the unit. These are sent directly to National Headquarters if Department does not exist.

Installation form (Enclosure # 6) must be filled out and then signed by the Retiring President and the Installing Officer. It is the responsibility of the Installing Officer to:

1. Make sure the newly elected officers dues have been paid
2. Determine that the Department / Unit Bond has been paid.
3. Send **IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION** to:
 - (1) National Division Vice President (2) National Head Quarters (3) Department Secretary (4) Unit Secretary and (5) Installing Officer.

(This is not happening in all cases. Please do this right away.)

Application for Regular Membership (Enclosure # 7) In general this form is pretty well done.

Please make sure Names, Addresses, Phone # & emails can be read. Many times the Recruiter section is not filled in. Please make sure the recruiter gets proper credit.

Newport, RI
401-849-9880
MCL rate - \$65.00 per
night

Northeast Division Conference

March 23-25, 2017
Seaview Country Club
401 South New York
Road
Galloway, NJ 08205
(609) 652-1800 – Local
(855) 894-8698 – Toll
Free
MCL Rates:
\$96.00/night (Regular)
\$121/night (Suite)
\$147/night (Lg. Suite)
Plus applicable state &
local taxes
Reservation deadline is
February 24, 2017

Southern Division Conference

March 24th through
March 25th, 2017
Holiday Inn South
Broadway
5701 South
Broadway,
Tyler, Texas 75703
phone: (903) 561-5800
Go to
www.mclnational.org for
conference and
registration information

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

Transfer Form (Enclosure #8) Please note member requesting a transfer must be in good standing. This form must be signed by the President and Treasurer of the losing unit and the Member.

Copies to: (1) Gaining unit with the original application. (2) Losing unit (3) Department treasurer and (4) National Headquarters. Note this transfer must be used prior to member's expiration date.

DUAL MEMBER TRANSFER OF VOTING RIGHTS (Enclosure #8) This form is filled and sent to National Headquarters by the member wishing to transfer voting rights. National will send a receipted copy to the Department and appropriate National Division VP.

Transmittal Form (Enclosure # 19) Membership dues are due August 31 of each year. Many of our units hold the transmittal to send them all in at one time. This makes the job of the Department Treasurer, National Division VP and the National Headquarters difficult. Members are delinquent in their dues if they are not paid 90 days after August 31. National must account for the membership as of December 31. If the unit holds the dues at the unit level, members are not accounted at National Headquarter. The division counts do not add up. Please process your transmittal as soon as money for dues are received. If you have questions on the form the Department Treasurer is a wonder full source.

If the Department Treasurer has questions the appropriate National Division Vice would glad answer any Questions. **Let's all try to send these important documents in a timelier fashion.**

Notice of Death (Enclosure # 21) This is a difficult one we are not always notified in a timely fashion. Please send these in as quickly as possible. Requires 6 copies (1) Unit Chaplain (2) Department Chaplain (3) Department Treasurer and or Department Secretary/ Treasurer (4) National Chaplain (5) National Headquarters (6) Appropriate National Division VP.

Application for Associate Membership as with Regular membership please remember to fill in the Auxiliary Recruiter.

Dual Membership Form (Enclosure #38) All dual members must submit this form. New Dual Members must attach this form to their membership application. Filed by unit treasurer with proper dues and transmittal to Department with proper # of copies. (Remember the Voting rights changes are found in Enclosure #8 and must be sent by member directly to National Headquarters and Headquarters will receipt Department & appropriate National Division VP.

National Credential/ Delegate Form Enclosure # 1 will be addressed at a later date.

I trust that this review will be of benefit to all. Recruit, Retain and Mentor.
Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

As 2017 is upon all of us now, I see a great year for all of us to open our hearts and minds to work with each other to build our membership, show great leadership and comradery between members and detachments. That is so important to move forward in our goal to help support our Marines, Marine families, children, community, and veterans.

- meetings;
2. Recruit New
Members & renew
current Members;
3. Volunteer



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

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

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Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps
League:
www.mclnational.org/



I'm still following through with a couple of small issues to close out 2016 and I believe by Mid-winter conference I should be able to state that all our members are happy and continuing to moving forward.

At this time I'd like to make a short comment on a topic of unit check signing and audits. Our bylaws state that a units checks should have the name of the unit on them and that each check is required to be signed by two (2) signatures, (President and Treasure). Audits should be conducted every three (3) months by an Auditing Committee. This information is found in Bylaw section, page 17, section 503 – Treasures Financial Records, para (A). This is in black and white and there is no gray between lines. Now I know that units can write their own set of bylaws to work with their units. Nothing can be changed in reference of signatures, that's a must but audits can be adjusted as to how often. Audits must be completed for sure at the time of installation of new officers and at the time of a new treasure taking over the books/records. These records are permanent, never to be destroyed. I have had a question about who conducts an audit. Your unit president should always appoint a committee, normally 3 members, with one of those members being a past president if a unit has one. Unit audits should be done by their own members always, for it's no other units business as to funds. One thing to keep in mind, if a unit has a question or concern of who is doing the audit, then the president of that unit should contact the department president to have one of the elected officers of the department to stand in to do the audit. Please let me know if there is any other questions on this matter. I wish not to leave any doubt in anyone's mind on how a units audit should be completed.

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

HAPPY VALENTINES from NORTHWEST DIVISION

The past fall has been busy in the Northwest. We had a successful Northwest Division Conference, all units participate and or attended the Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations, attended the Veterans Day Ceremonies, worked at Toys for Tots, and helped veteran families and children in their communities. Each unit uniquely help individuals through the VA Hospitals and veterans homes and nursing homes with clothing, toiletries and blankets with personalized notes attached. It really is heartwarming to hear these activities from our units. This works in a variety of ways that is unique to each unit.

The theme for Northwest Division is "Encourage with Enthusiasm".

ENCOURAGE – give hope, confidence , support to and help. Remember as members we do this daily in small ways. Visiting or calling members and non-members in our community. We encourage new ideas from ourselves and new members.

ENTHUSIASM –intense or eager interest and zeal. We see this as we recruit members. It is us as members that has this because each of us has our own skill set that help to enthusiastically get projects done or create new projects/events. One's enthusiasm spreads to those we meet.

The Northwest Division wish you to encourage with enthusiasm.

Semper Fi,
Susan Douglas
Division Vice President Northwest

From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

We are looking forward to a fresh beginning and to serving and representing you once again in the coming year.

The 2017 Marine Corps League Central Division and Department of Indiana Combined Conferences (March 23rd through March 26th) will be held this year at the Holiday Inn, 6000 National Road East, Richmond, IN, 47374. For Hotel Reservations call (765) 488-1975. Special Marine Corps League Rate: \$99/King or Queen (Room Block available until March 2, 2017). Conference and Registration information can be found on the National Website (www.mclnational.org) and Central Division Website (www.mclcentdiv.net).

The Division Conference is held each year for the benefit of each Department and Unit in the Central Division. We get together to discuss any problems you may have and to help you plan and execute means and methods to strengthen and increase the effectiveness of your units and departments. Please let us know if there are specific areas you would want us to provide training in so we may provide the appropriate materials.

All Department Presidents should bring a short report covering the units in your state and your department. The report should include any accomplishments performed this year and any ideas or projects you may have coming up. If you are unable to attend, please send or email your report to me.

Our Operation Little Angel this year will be Girls Inc. of Wayne County Indiana. Their mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Girls Inc. programming is designed to build girls' capacity to become adults who are responsible, confident, economically independent and personally fulfilled.

The program is designed to provide a safe constructive learning environment for girls during the critical after school hours (1:40 to 5:30pm) and during the summer (7:30am to 5:30pm). The girls are exposed to a comprehensive age-appropriate program. Through these sessions, Girls Inc. provides the tools the girls will need to become confident and responsible members of their communities. (There will be a Wish List available at the Mid-Winter Conference).

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and to those who are serving and who risk their lives every day to protect us.

Semper Fidelis,

Judy Blackmer

jbmarines_81@yahoo.com

From the Desk of the Girl Scouts Chairman

Ladies it is now time to contact the Girl Scout Councils in your state so you can arrange for presenting their Gold Awardees our Good Citizenship Award.

Girl Scout Councils have their list of girls usually ready in Feb. or March. They can email you a printout list of their girls that have achieved their award.

The Girl Scout Councils are listed on the internet. You call and ask to talk with the Gold Award Advisor and explain to her that our Good Citizenship Award is a National Marine Corps League Auxiliary Project and that we give our award to Gold Awardees across our nation. We are expanding our awards to councils that we have never contacted before and that is why you are contacting that council.

Generally states have an Auxiliary Girl Scout Chairman to organize the printing of the awards and she arranges for someone to attend the Girl Scout Council Program when the Awards are presented to the Girl Scouts.

The certificates are purchased from our National Auxiliary Office. The best way is to purchase a package of 100 certificates. Each council is different in the number of Girl Scouts achieving their award each year. You will use them up in about three years.

Questions: Just email me: carolelyston@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to recognize the outstanding Girl Scouts in your state.

Carole Lyston, National Girl Scout Chairman



FEBRUARY 2017 CHAPLAIN NEWS



Mary Elizabeth Roberts * 12/13/2016 Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit, TN. Condolences to: William Roberts, 6746 Garden Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN. 38120.

Jeanne M. Falgiatore * 12/18/2016 Smedley D. Butler Unit, PA. Condolences to husband: Thomas Falgiatore, 1424 Manley Road, West Chester, PA. 19382.

PNP Gurvis McNulty * 12/29/2016 Dept. of Michigan, Condolences to her family, 13775 Chestnut Drive, Apt 108. Eden Prairie, Minnesota, 55344.

Roseann Simmons * 12/26/2016 P. W. Milano Unit, PA. Condolences to: Mrs. Mary Tishey and Simmons family, 11244 Babcock Blvd. Valencia, PA. 16059.

Flo Lease * 1/5/2017 Mountainside Unit, Maryland. Condolences to husband: Paul Lease, 912 Weires Ave. LaVale, MD. 21502.

IN THE DARKEST HOUR THE SOUL IS REPLENISHED AND GIVEN THE STRENGTH TO ENDURE.

Pnp Joyce Orr was in the hospital for three weeks in December. Her new address is now the Marwood Nursing and Rehab center. 1300 Beard St. room 186. Port Huron, MI. 48060. It would be wonderful if she received cards of cheer from members.

Pat Gettings, from the Lt. A Bonnyman Unit in TN, lost her Marine Husband, Fred. Cards of condolence to Pat at: 1601 Brentwood Drive, Greenville, Tn. 37743.

Joan Gallagher from the North Shore Queens Unit in NY has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Please keep her in your prayers and send words of cheer to her at: 7925 Hardwick Drive, New Port Richey, FL. 34653.

The brother in law of Central Division VP Judy Blackmer passed away in December. He was a Viet Nam Veteran. Cards of condolence could be sent to: 4530 W. Marquette Rd. Chicago, IL. 60629.

PNP Shirley Keyes continues to need our prayers. She had both knee caps replaced and due to infection required isolation. She had 3 separate surgeries

for both knees in a short time. SO I know cheery cards would be most welcome.
2541 Villanova Court, Vienna, VA. 22180.

Cindy Stettler, Cpl. James I Anderson Unit, Dept. of Utah needed our prayers for her sister, Darcy Anderson who is not doing well due to liver failure. Prayers are needed for all as they decide if she can be placed on the liver transplant list. Darcy Anderson, 2915 S. Hwy 89, Wellsville, UT. 84339-9778.

Christine Stevens, Dept. of Maryland is mourning the passing of her grandmother. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 9144 Ft. Smallwood Rd. Pasadena, MD. 21122.

The Mother of Mountainside Marines MCLA President Gloria-Reece Matthews died suddenly on January 8th, 2017. Cards of Condolence may be sent to her at: 1813 Frederick Street, Cumberland, MD. 21502.

Anita Ullery also from the Dept. of MD. is mourning the sudden passing of her father in law in December. Cards may be sent to: Scott and Anita Ullery, 185 Funke Rd. Glen Burnie, MD. 21061.

Dorcas Simpson, Heart of Texas MCLA member could use our thoughts and prayers as she deals with learning that her daughter Gladys Eilers has stage 3 colon cancer. Chemo has been started and after 6 months they will know how to proceed further. Cards of cheer may be sent to her daughter at: 501 Weeping Willow Drive, Temple, TX. 76502-5291. Please keep Dorcas and George in your prayers as well.

My Thoughts and prayers are sent to all who are suffering in anyway, unknown only to he who hears your prayers.

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile and Assistant Mary Lou Webb

Remember their names...



2nd Annual Metal for the Military Benefit

*All proceeds from
this event will
benefit local area
veterans and their
families as well as
women and
children in the
community.*



Toiletry Drive. Raffles. Live Music.

**Featuring Performances
by:**

Hokori

Heartsick

SEVERING THE NEED

Legend Scroll

Forest Green

The Jonestown Crows

Wina Schnitzel

**Sound Provided by:
Lorey Brothers' Entertainment**

Music starts at 7pm.
Evening starts on a lighter tone
and gets progressively heavier.
Check out our facebook event for
more info. Keyword search: Metal
for the Military II

**Presented by:
Edson Kline VanSlyke Unit
Bay County, MI**

Bring a
toiletry
item to
donate!!!



Semper Fidelis
"Always Faithful"

Questions or want to help? Call Elizabeth 989-545-8798



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY**
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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 MCLA-Newsletters@msn.com in a Microsoft Word formatted document.

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