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Dates to Remember:

January 1, 2017 –
New Year's Day!

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Where does the time go? I hope that each of you had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to take on the new year. Recruiting a new member is a great way to start it off!



In December I was honored to represent the Auxiliary at the annual Wreaths Across America event at the VA National Cemetery here in Jacksonville, FL. It is such a beautiful sight and very heartwarming.

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. Additional information will be forwarded as soon as it is available. The Board of Trustees will meet at 1 pm on Thursday 3/2, there will be a joint hospitality room that evening. I strongly encourage any member in good standing to attend the Mid-Winter meetings on Friday and Saturday. You will see your elected officers in action, handling the business of the auxiliary and moving us forward. And we manage to throw a little fun in there too! Also, please purchase an ad in the program book to help support this event.

From the Office: things are getting more organized every day. It has been a bit of a struggle but our new secretary has met the challenge and is doing a great job. There are still some kinks we are working out, but we will get there very soon, I promise. Most, if not all, of the items that have been out of stock are now in, especially the MCLA bars for the Associate Member uniform. You will want to make sure you order them soon if you don't already have them.

As we move into the new year, I ask each member to take a few moments and renew their commitment to the Auxiliary and what we stand for. Ours is such an outstanding organization and it is so important that we take the time to remember why we joined in the first place. I like to think that we joined not only because we saw the good we could do for our Marines, their families and our Veterans, but we saw an opportunity to make new and lasting friendships because we all had a common goal; to share the heavy load of making things just a little better, one Veteran at a time. We joined because, as a team, we can do so much more. We can support and help each other. Every member has something to contribute and share, so we learn and grow from our association. I can say that being a part of the auxiliary is one of the greatest joys of my life.



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

REMINDER: Please be sure that you are using the most up to date forms. These are on the website and available for printing. This ensures that you are transmitting the correct information to National HQ.

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 you at Mid-Winter.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

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

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had the opportunity to brighten the holiday season for the less fortunate children in your communities through your respective local Toys for Tots programs and also have found time to bring some winter cheer to the residents at a VA hospital or home for our aging and ill veterans. I am confident that you are resolved to continue your valuable service as members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary throughout 2017.

It is not only a new year; it is also a new date and location for our upcoming Mid-Winter National Staff Conference. It will be held March 2-4 at the Hospitality House and Conference Center in Fredericksburg, VA. One of my responsibilities while there will be to chair the Department Presidents Council meeting to be held on Friday, March 3 at 7:45 a.m. which will be held in the Auxiliary meeting room. All Department and Unit Presidents or their representatives are encouraged to attend. The meeting will also be open to any member who wishes to participate and aspires to hold a leadership position. We will be sharing many ideas with one another that you can take back to your local Departments and Units. If there is a specific topic that you would like addressed, please let me know by the end of January for planning purposes.

In addition, on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 a.m., it will be my pleasure to host the traditional breakfast in honor of our National President, Karen Aune. The breakfast will take place in Ledo Pizza (yes, they serve a full breakfast menu in addition to their famous pizzas) which is located in the hotel next to the front desk. This is a time to relax and enjoy each other's company while letting Madam President know how much we appreciate her dedicated service. Please plan to join us and remember that we do not wear our covers at either of the above-mentioned events.

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

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.

As always, thank you for remembering and caring for our veterans. I look forward to seeing many of you in Fredericksburg.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies

Now that the holidays are but memories and the New Year begins, may we continue to do the good work that our units do so well. I continue to be encouraged by the tasks our members accomplish year after year. Recruiting, maintaining, & mentoring continue to be a major objective. Each one recruit one, has been a moto for years. I challenge each and every member to recruit. To the unit that recruits the most members between now and Mid-Winter Conference I will donate \$50 to the charity of the unit's choice. With new members come new ideas, if given the opportunity to contribute. Many times we just do what has worked in the past, rather than stretch our wings & try the impossible, because we think the new will not work. Try the new and prepared to be surprised. Post your success in the National Newsletter "Programs of Pride" section.

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts. "

Eleanor Roosevelt

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

For many of you 2016 has come and gone in a blink of an eye and for others we can be thankful that the year has finally come to an end, good, bad or indifferent. But truly hope everyone had a very Happy New Year 2017 and may all your New Year resolutions follow through.

By the time all our members read this message, I'm hoping I was able to answer every auxiliary member that had a question, concern or issue that needed my help. I can honestly say that I'm looking forward to 2017 being a year that all our auxiliary members are able to respect one another, work with each other in putting our Marines, Marine families, communities and veterans a top priority over petty differences. Our national bylaws are our guide to run a smooth organization, to guide us from national level on down. Sometimes it can be a bit confusing on where to find your answer. So to make it a bit clearer for our members at a unit level or department level, it is recommended to draft up local bylaws to help run your units and departments in a way that will help in your home areas. Need to use our national bylaws as your guide, reference, information. For department bylaws can be found

National MCLA Website:

www.nationalmcla.org

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www.nationalmoddfleas.org

in Article Four, Section 400 – 455, pages 15 -16 and Unit bylaws, Article Five, Section 500 – 555, pages 17-19. You can add things to your bylaws like recommendation or limitations that fit your unit or department. Unit and department bylaws can really help in many ways to keep all your members on the same page. It's a great way to start 2017, with a new set of local bylaw or take the opportunity to look over your current bylaws if you have some already in place. I am here if you need guidance. As I have said from the beginning, my door is always open for help but I have to say, I can't be a referee. Our national bylaws and local bylaws are written so that everyone has a clear picture and clear understanding.

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

NORTHEAST DIVISION

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year from the Northeast Division.

Since my last update it has been a busy twelve months for the Units and Departments in the Northeast Division. There have been many happy times and unfortunately probably just as many sad times during the past year but with the help of our "sisters" we have all gotten through them.

Some of the highlights of the past year are:

Department of New Jersey: Salem County member Tanya Justice received the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award at the National Convention in August. Jaylin Justice the thirteen year old daughter of Tanya received the Chapel's Junior Legion of Honor Award. Tanya is the daughter and Jaylin the granddaughter of Past Department of New Jersey President Carrie McIntosh. On her way home from the convention Carrie thought she was going to spend some time with Tanya and Jaylin at their home in Texas but a call from the American Red Cross asking for her assistance with the flood victims in Louisiana changed her plans. Following her Red Cross work in Louisiana Carrie returned to Texas where she helped to distribute bag lunches through the Lunches with Love Program where approximately 2,000 lunches are distributed a day.

The Department of New York: Members from the various units within the department staffed a table at the New York State Fair selling their cook books and collecting donations for their Rose Program. Members of the North Shore Queens Unit presented a 50 year pin to Joan Gallagher at their August meeting. The unit also collected donations for the rose program the proceeds of which helps them purchase food, paper products and other needs for their twice yearly visit to the Veterans Homeless Shelter in Yaphank Suffolk County. The unit also held another successful spaghetti dinner and supported Spirit of Christmas with a donation to purchase Christmas trees for military families.

Department of Pennsylvania: Unit members once again prepared personal care bags for our veterans at the Hollidaysburg, PA Veterans Home and the Southwestern Veterans Center in Pittsburgh, PA., adopted a Marine Veteran from the Soldiers & Sailors Home in Erie, PA purchasing a gift or gifts from their wish list and mailing them to Keystone Headquarters Unit member Lynette Chambers for distribution. Lynette visits each recipient personally and spends time with them while presenting them with their gift. Members of the All Divisions Unit continue to clip coupons to be sent to military bases overseas as well as sending card fronts from their unit and other units within the department to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV. And finally, Toys for Tots, many Department of Pennsylvania auxiliary members spent considerable hours during the months of November and December volunteering their time and talents.

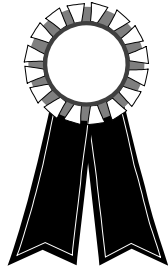
Information gathered from the transmittals received from National Headquarters thus far indicates that the Northeast Division has 2 new life members, 12 new regular members and 8 new associate members. I am sure these numbers will increase as additional transmittals are received. Congratulations ladies.

In closing I would like to announce the National Northeast Division Conference will be held March 23-25, 2017 at the Seaview Country Club in Galloway NJ. All Auxiliary members are cordially invited to attend and spend a lovely weekend at the New Jersey shore.

Linda

Linda S. Chamberlain
Vice President Northeast Division





Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Department of Florida

(Florida Members gave special appreciation cards to Veterans at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes. We also delivered them to the Veterans at Haley's Cove Community Living Center – James a Haley VA Hospital. It was truly a joy to see the happy faces of the receivers & givers. They were delivered in many other areas of Florida as well. This is the only picture. Many other Department members helped to make these cards.

Veteran's Day

November 11, 2016

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE!**



Department of Florida

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Veteran's Day

It is the Veteran, not the Preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the Veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a free trial. It is the Veteran not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the Veteran who salutes the Flag. It is the Veteran who serves under the Flag.

(Left -Evelyn Joppa- Morris Dixon Unit, Diane Spencer-Spring Hill Unit, Barbara Wright- Holiday Unit, Shere Mason- Spring Hill Unit, Marine Shaw- Michael S Curtin Det. & Katie Shaw – Michael S Curtin Unit



JANUARY 2017 CHAPLAIN NEWS



PDP HELEN LATTA * 12/02/2016 Sauk Valley Unit, Rock Falls, Ill.
Condolences to: Kalah Foy, 900 Weyland Rd. Booneville, MO. 65233.

LILLIAN HARPER * 12/05/2016 Chester County Unit, PA. Condolences to:
husband AL Harper, 116 Wendy Circle, Coatesville, PA 19320.

KAREN MUSIAL * 10/2016 Holiday Unit, FL. 2016 Condolences to
husband, Stan Musial, 3129 Ludlow Dr. New Port Richey, FL. 34655.

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Dept. of Iowa President Marti Kline underwent surgery for a badly broken
wrist. Cards of cheer for her: 9804 NE 40th Ave. Mitchellville, IA, 50169.

The Daughter of Dept. of Missouri member Marilyn Kitchen-New had
female surgery this past month. Daughter Stephanie Lakich is a Marine wife.
Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: 11108 Foster Carriage Road, Lithia,
Florida. 33547.

Mourning the passing of her husband is Margaret Reynolds, who is a member
of the Maj. John L Richsteig Unit in Utah. Her husband was a WWII
veteran. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 554 West 1425 North,
Cedar Valley, UT. 84721.

Holly Price, past president of the Frank J Carroll Unit in Colorado had neck
and back surgery. Cards of cheer would be welcome. Holly Price, 2100 Ellis
Street, Golden, CO. 80401-2026.

Dept. of New Jersey member Carrie McIntosh mourned the passing of her
daughter Andrea's husband. Andrea is also a member of her mom's unit.
Cards of condolence may be sent to Andrea and Carrie at: 451 Fort Mott
Road, Pennsville, NJ. 08070.

PNP Ruth Moyse lost her loving father, John Smith this past month. Ruth
and her Dad have a very close bond. Cards of condolence may be sent to her
at: 401 S. New Ardmore Ave. Broomall, PA. 19008-2940.

Kathy Brown from the Central MO unit in Jefferson City, Mo had painful
back surgery. She is home doing well. Cards of cheer always welcome.
11237 Cr 385 Holt Summit, MO. 6504

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year from your

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile and Assistant Mary Lou Webb



MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION MARCH 2017

The Marine Corps League National Mid-Winter Conference Will be held March 2nd, 3rd, & 4th 2017 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House/Conference Center, 2801 Plank Road Fredericksburg, VA. 22401. The Room Rate is \$ 89.00 per night, single or double. Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel no later than February, 10th 2017 at 540.786.8321

Thursday, March 2nd

0800 MCL Foundation
1200 – 1700 Registration & Ships Store
1200 – 1700 Kennel Quartermaster
1300 MCL National Board of Trustees
1300 MCLA Board Meeting
1700 Dog House (available until Saturday)
1700 Dept. Commandant's Council
2000 – 2200 Joint Hospitality Room

Friday, March 3rd

0700 PNC Council
0800 – 1700 Registration & Ship's Store
0800 – 1700 Kennel Quartermaster
0900 Joint Opening Session
1000 Joint Memorial Service
1100 Chapel of Four Chaplain's Ceremony
1200 Lunch on your own
1300 – 1700 Break to Separate Sessions
1930 National Convention Committee
2000 MODD Mini-Growl

Saturday, March 4th

0800 – 1300 Registration & Ship's Store
0800 – 1300 Kennel Quartermaster
1200 – 1700 Kennel Quartermaster
0900 Separate Sessions
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0900 U.S. Marines Youth Foundation
1130 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps
1200 Lunch on your own
1300 Reconvene
1830 Reception & Banquet

MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

MARCH 2 – 4, 2017 Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center

2801 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg VA 22401

Phone: (540) 786-8321 \$89.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 10, 2017

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit: _____	Det/Unit: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MCLA and MODD are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference.

Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____

Half page @ \$60 _____

Quarter page @ \$30 _____

Business card @ \$25 _____

Patron listing @ \$2 _____

Banquet Meals @ \$45

Chicken _____

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Total number of banquet meals _____

Program book ads _____

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Please mail to 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Suite 115, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference, Stafford, VA 22554. For credit card payment call 703.207.9588 or email forms and ad copy to lfoster@MCLeague.org Please Cc thazlett@MCLeague.org



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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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