



MCLA NEWS

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

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary



I was very honored to attend the Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery and assist with the wreath laying ceremony. It was very heartwarming to know that so many Americans take the time to honor our deceased Veterans. The fact that there were so many school age groups there tells me that the adults are instilling this in our youth as well. That is so wonderful to see!

I understand that we have a new charter coming from the Dept. Of Ohio! This is every exciting news. Keep up the great work ladies. We must let others know that we are here and have so much to offer.

As we move closer to the time for National Convention, please be sure that your Units are reviewing the proposed Bylaw & Administrative Procedure changes that have been distributed. The Units should be letting their Delegates and Alternates know how they would like to vote on each of the submissions.

In this newsletter, you will find the Call to National Convention. We have a full agenda for each day, so come prepared to listen, discuss and learn and maybe have a little fun in the mix. We all have something to contribute. A reminder that this is a year in which we can vote to change our Bylaws and we have several submissions that will be presented. Please remember to come with an open mind.

At this time, the National office is up and running at full capacity and very smoothly. I would like to thank the ladies that have assisted Karen Grady with learning about the Auxiliary and how we do business. Both of us are very appreciative of your time.

A reminder that we will no be filling Ships Store orders effective July 1 to allow for preparation for convention and ensure sufficient stock is available. If you need supplies bring your order to convention and save the shipping charges or send it with someone who will be attending, they may be willing to pick up the items for you.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and talents to assist those in need or distress. You are an important part of what makes this nation so great!

Dates to Remember:

July 4th –
Independence Day



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

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,

I will be leaving in a couple of days for the Department of Missouri Convention, and from there I will travel west to the Department of Oregon Convention. My husband, C.O., as the 57th Chief Devil Dog for the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, has been invited to be a guest of the MO and OR Packs during their annual Grand Growls. I feel so fortunate to be able to accompany him as it provides a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary from coast to coast. Unfortunately, there is currently no Auxiliary unit in Oregon. Hopefully, I will meet some ladies who aspire to become members and to serve our veterans with us.

I just returned home from my own Department of Illinois Convention in Springfield. It was a wonderful weekend with friends from north of Chicago to Carbondale in the southern part of our state. Congratulations to our Department of Illinois President, Deb Sosnowski, who was a recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

In addition, President Deb invited Christine Hansley as her special guest. Inspired by the Hershell "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, Chris is currently serving on a committee to procure a Gold Star Families Memorial to be located in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Marine Williams is the last living Congressional Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. His Foundation encourages every state in the country to raise funds to build Gold Star Families Memorials. Our Department donated \$300 to help with the project in Illinois, and our Past Presidents Club made a \$50 donation to the cause. The target date for Springfield's Memorial groundbreaking ceremony is August 12, 2017.



Christine Hansley (Left) of the Gold Star Families Memorial Committee receives checks from the Dept of IL President Deb Sosnowski (center and Past Presidents Club Regent Pat Buckley



PDP Renee McGuan (left) presents Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains to Dept. of IL President Deb Sosnowski



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*There was always talk
of esprit de corps, of
being gung ho, and
that must have been a
part of it. Better,
tougher training, more
marksmanship on the
firing range, the
instant obedience to
orders seared into men
in boot camp.*

James Brady, columnist,
novelist,
press secretary to President
Reagan, television
personality and
Marine



Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith
National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

I just had the pleasure to attend a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony for West Central Florida.

The viewing of the Girl Scouts' projects is amazing. It was a truly a wonderful experience to listen to the individual scout explain their project. I enjoyed asking questions. Several are also in ROTC programs and planning to join our arm forces. Twenty-three girls received the Gold Award. One of the two Guest speakers was Eileen Grady, Girl Scout Liaison for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Department of Florida. She represented the Auxiliary in style. (Eileen earned the Gold Award a few years ago) If you get the opportunity to attend one of these ceremony's, you will find it well worth the time.

Please take the time to review the proposed changes for our National bylaws.

Continue to look for the opportunities to recruit new members & mentor current members.

Take the time to have fun with all you do for the Auxiliary.

"Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason that it will." – *Unknown*

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B. Joppa
National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Ladies I write this message on a happy note. Another a quiet month and I truly hope that everyone is looking forward to the upcoming year for your newly elected officers. I have taken a month to think about all of the elected Judge Advocates and I wish to add a challenge to my monthly messages. I want to help all the JA's with understanding and using our national bylaws and administrative procedures. I will submit a question or a reference at the end of my message and I will challenge all our unit and department JA's to finding the answer and email it back to me. One catch, 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 will keep track of all who respond to the question or reference and will be rewarded at national. I will get two months in before national this year and will see if there is an interest in continuing. It should be fun and a great way to learn.

It has been in our monthly newsletters for months that this is a bylaw year. I hope everyone has given it great thought and submitted their requests. I have

***The American Marines
have it [pride], and
benefit from it. They
are tough, cocky, sure
of themselves and their
buddies. They can fight
and they know it.***

General Mark Clark,
U.S. Army

not received any questions in regards to submitting one. I do not get them of course, for they go to our bylaws committee to read first but I'm here to help answer questions.

My question for this month:

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 or Administrative Procedures, chapter, section, page.

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 HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE:

Its summer and I'm enjoying my convertible! I've also enjoyed shopping for all the new items we have for you in the Ship Store. They will be for sale at National Convention ☺ !!! I will have a new order form out with the next newsletter.

If you currently receive or would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, the cost is \$10 to cover printing and postage. Please send a check to HQ office to renew your printed copy by the end of August so you won't miss a month of MCLA happenings!

I'm in the office Tuesday through Friday 9am -3pm. Please let me know if you need anything. Don't forget Ship Store will be closed through the National Convention.

Have a great day!

Karen G - National Executive Secretary

WEB MASTER'S NOTES

Greetings to all from Colorful Colorado. I would like to take this opportunity to remind ALL Unit's, Department's and Division's that if you have a website and is not listed on the National MCLA's website (www.nationalmcla.org), please let me know, it can be linked on the National MCLA's website. You can email me at mystickcreature@msn.com or mcla-newsletters@msn.com with the following information on your website:

- Name of Unit (if for your unit) _____
- Department of _____
- Division: _____
- Your Unit/Department/Division website address (example www.nationalmcla.org): _____

When sending your email to me please put in the subject line: "MCLA Unit/Department/Division website Link"

As Madam President mentioned in her article for this month, that the Bylaw and Administrative Procedures proposals have been distributed to all Unit's. If you have not received this package and would like to review the proposals, they are posted on the National Website under the Publications tab and is on the Forms & Bylaws page of the website.

Semper Fidelis,
Meg Krebs
National MCLA Webmaster

JULY 2017 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



Big D Texas Long time faithful MCLA member, Barbara Hixson is recovering from total knee replacement. She is undergoing physical therapy and will have limited travel. Those of you who have gone through this know how painful it can be. Send cheerful greetings to Barbara at: 2180 Serene St. Keller, TX. 76248.

Linda Blair, President of the Claude Rodgers Unit in Fort Smith, AR. Fell and fractured her right shoulder and upper arm. She has had surgery and is now home recovering. She would love to hear from our members. 2109 W. Graphic Rd., Mountainburg, AR. 72946.

PNC Jim Tuohy, had bypass surgery this past month. He is the hubby of PNP Geri Tuohy. I am sure they could both use our prayers and cards of well wishes. 1206 Riverbend Drive, Grand Blanc, MI. 48439-1724.

Two of our PNP's need our prayers. PNP Caroline Ruhmshottell had foot surgery this past month. We miss her smiling face. Let her know she is still in our thoughts and prayers. Cards for her go to: 9503 NE 11th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664

PNP Cynthia Marshall will be having rotator cuff surgery by the time you read this. Please send her encouragement to: 83 DeVonne Drive, Fredericksburg, VA. 22407.

I failed to include the mailing address for cards last month when sharing that the son of Jean and Jim Curcio from the West Hudson Unit passed away. The address for condolences is: 46-48 Columbia Ave. Kearny, NJ. 07032-2901.

Jean is a long time member of that unit and a faithful member of the Dept of NJ.

Karen Dressler lost a cousin to a car accident. Keep her in your prayers.

I know there are many of our Marine family who are suffering some kind of pain at this time. In your daily prayers, just say a quick prayer that their paths may be a bit lighter.

Life member, Helen Jennison, from the Herkimer County Unit in New York passed away in May. Cards of condolence go to: Mildred Schuyler, 33 Church Street, Mohawk, NY. 13407

GOD THANKS YOU FOR HELPING ME. WHEN THINGS SEEM UNFAIR, I WILL TRUST YOU, REMAINING CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL TRANSFORM THIS SITUATION FOR MY GOOD AND YOUR GLORY. AMEN.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, SUBMITTED BY PNP BARBARA NOBILE

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN





Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

TO: All Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.
FROM: Karen Aune, National President, MCLA, Inc.

SUBJECT: Call to 2017 National Convention

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and by the authority vested in me as National President, I, Karen Aune, do hereby issue the call to National Convention. This event will take place August 13 to August 18, 2017 in Overland Park, KS.

PURPOSE: To revise/amend Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; to present resolutions; to transact business as may properly come before the National Assembly; to receive reports of the National Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs, both Administrative and Standing; and to elect National Officers.

REPRESENTATION: Please reproduce the Credential/Delegate form as needed, fill out the form completely, and deliver it to National Headquarters no later than July 1, 2017. Every member is entitled to her individual vote and need not have a credential form on file at HQ, but must present a current membership card to receive convention credentials.

REGISTRATION: All members, delegates, alternates, officers, and guests must register to receive an admission badge/convention credentials. Badges must be visible for the National Guard when entering the meeting room for sessions.

MEETINGS: All Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and general sessions.

COMMITTEES: All members of administrative and standing committees are expected to attend the meetings called by their respective Chairmen, prior to the National Convention. If you are unable to serve on the committee to which you have accepted an appointment, please notify the National President as soon as possible.

CAUCUSES: All Unit and Department caucuses, if needed, should be held prior to the final session. This will avoid taking time away from the scheduled business meeting

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Aune
National President

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