



MCLA NEWS

The Monthly National Newsletter for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc

JUNE 2017

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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

The warm weather is here with a vengeance, as is the very uncertain weather that comes this time of year. I hope that you have all managed to escape the worst of it.

It's time to get ourselves ready for National Convention. Please be sure that you are getting those volunteer hours reported to your Units and the reports are forwarded to the National Chairman. Those hours add up very quickly and they show our dedication to supporting our Veterans. When we report this information to the Marine Corps League it is always with great pride! You will find a current list of the chairmen in this newsletter. Also, be sure to get your Delegate/Alternate forms in to the National office by July 1 to avoid the extra cost of registering at convention and having to wait for your credentials to be prepared. This also helps lighten the work for the committee.

I would encourage anyone who is interested to attend the National Convention. It is the perfect time to see your Auxiliary in action and observe those elected or appointed officers that are trying to fulfill the wishes of the membership. We do it for you! At the convention, you can learn a lot about the Auxiliary, its members and how others work to solve their challenges. In addition, you will be assured of meeting old and making new friends.

We have some new items coming for the Ships Store. I believe that you will like them very much. In addition, again this year, we will stop filling Ships Store orders on 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.

When you receive this newsletter, I will be attending the Memorial Day events in our Nation's capital representing the Auxiliary. I hope that each of you will take the time to remember our fallen Veterans and their families.

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!

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President



Dates to Remember:



Division Conferences:

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

Mideast Division Conference

June 23-25, 2017
Doubletree by Hilton
Raleigh Durham
Airport
4810 Page Creek Lane
Durham, NC 27703
(919) 941-6000
MCL room rate \$99.00
plus room tax.
Includes free breakfast
and parking

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

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

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

I have just returned from visits to Wisconsin, Idaho, and Maryland and am awed and inspired by all that our members do for our Marines and communities. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your tireless service!

At the Department of Wisconsin Convention, I was privileged to attend a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony with auxiliary members. Please view the short write-up and pictures in the Programs of Pride section of this newsletter. Winnebago Unit is to be commended for being the first unit in Wisconsin to honor the Gold Award recipients with our Marine Corps League Auxiliary Girl Scout certificate.

In Idaho, with only two units, there is no Department (yet). The ladies in attendance at the Marine Corps League Convention invited me to accompany them to visit Cataldo Mission, Idaho's oldest standing building and a National Historic Landmark, constructed in 1850-1853 by members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Catholic missionaries. Thank you, Ladies, for a wonderful remembrance of Idaho and special thanks to Northwest Division Vice President Susan Douglas for her personal effort to welcome me.



Above: Newly installed President Lucinda Wolfe presents a gift on behalf of all of the members to retiring president, Judy Horenski.

Right: Idaho ladies in front of Cataldo Mission.



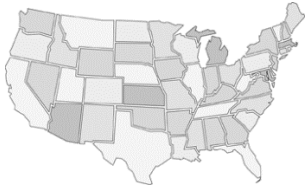
Our last visit was to the Department of Maryland Convention. This being my third trip to Ocean City, MD, I felt right at home. I had the honor and privilege of installing newly elected Department President, Lucinda Wolfe and her other officers. I wish you all continued success!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

current Members;
3. Volunteer



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www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas
Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

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League:
www.mclnational.org/



***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

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Members of the Auxiliary

The Department Conventions are just around the corner. I encourage you to attend. There is always new information and changes that will help the unit and members. This year is an opportunity to share your input on changes to the National bylaws. The information on changes proposed will be out shortly and available for the department & units to view. Please share your thoughts suggestions as you choose the delegates to voice the unit wishes at the National Convention. Those of us that travel to conferences & conventions build strong bonds and enjoy seeing each other. Come join the fun.

Fellowship with your members is important. Getting together for fun, adds a lot to the comradery we need. Projects that get us together over coffee or tea makes the work light. It is an opportunity to share idea and find out what works and why. In addition, visiting other auxiliaries in areas close to you may benefit both groups. Exchanging idea or planning a function together, especially if you can draw the community to join your event. This can have the potential to gain new members. Your Auxiliary helping the community gives your unit visibility. The uniform or polo shirts with logo identify the auxiliary. Most of you already do most of these things, but can we do more? We all need new members to help carry the load. What a joy there is when a lady takes that first step of becoming a member, as she grows in knowledge and gains confidence, accepts committee appointments and offices. We grow when we mentor our members, & help each and every member to feel part of our wonderful auxiliary.

(I Choose to be encouraged by the work our members are doing every day!)

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Colleen M English

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of PNP Cindy Marshall

Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

We have many loyal members that have spent much of their lives volunteering with our organization. We have a way to honor their hard work and faithfulness. The 50 year pin is available through the Past National Presidents'



***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

Council. To be eligible the member must have completed fifty (50) years of membership and be in good standing.

To apply for the pin, you may request an application form from Chair, Cindy Marshall. Attach a copy of the member's original application along with \$10.00 to cover the cost of the shipping. Send them to Chair Cindy Marshall. A pin will be sent by return mail either to the person requesting the pin or the eligible member.

If you have any questions regarding the 50 year pin, feel free to contact me at any time.

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From the Desk of the VAVS Rep

VA VOLUNTEERING AND YOU
NANCY CALLEJA, NATIONAL VAVS REP

What counts and what doesn't count on your VAVS Volunteer sheets?

All volunteer work, donations and attendance at quarterly meetings at the VA or VA functions. This includes at the CBOCS (clinics) or maybe an Operation Stand-down at a local park. What about you volunteered for Veterans Day at the VA? One set of directions instruct the hours go to Americanism, the other says VAVS. When in doubt, pick one and stick with it. Do use the most current Value of Donations sheet in your enclosures. Also, the VA only allows the time spent at the function while the MCLA counts the time and miles traveling to and from the function.

The reporting period is from last May1 to April 30 this year. If the committee chair has the capability to PDF the Volunteer report, then by all means email to me. Please include an email address so I may verify with you that I received your report. Any questions, you may also email me or call me.

Nancy Calleja nancymcla@aol.com

VAVS NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE NANCY CALLEJA, NAT'L VAVS REP

Each year the Central Office of the VA Voluntary Service holds a conference for all the National Representatives and Deputies, National Heads of the various Service Organizations, Hospital Reps and Deps and all VA volunteers. This year's conference, in beautiful downtown Tampa, FL, was attended by myself, as your National Representative, and your National President Karen Aune. In attendance was also your National Jr. Vice Evelyn Joppa and lots of Florida VAVS reps and deps. This is our opportunity to hear from Washington, DC, the successes and challenges in the VA HCS. The best news was that the VA budget for fy 2018 was increased by 6%. We had workshops highlighting the partnerships between the private sector, local



National Memorial Day
Service at Arlington
National Cemetery

communities and the VA to provide better and more efficient service for our Veterans. President Aune and myself saw the amazing advancement of prosthetics, a new treatment for Parkinson's, and combating homelessness. We also learned that every VAMC has a Women Veterans Advocate to address their specific needs. I will give a more detailed report at National Convention. If you have the opportunity to attend one of these conferences, I highly recommend it. Next year's conference will be in Tampa, FL, April 9-13, 2018 and then will be in San Antonio, TX for 2019 and 2020.

From the Desk of the Memory Book Chairman

To all Units and Departments,

This is a reminder that all Memory Books submitted for judging at the National Convention should include the form provided on our MCLA web site. It is #10 on the Index of Forms.

We hope to have many books submitted this year. We know you are very busy and having fun, providing service and are out there in your communities. A Memory Book shows us through pictures and script. Be proud of what you do.

See you soon at Overland Park...Semper Fi...

Joyce Brickett

Memory Book Chairperson

From the Desk of the National Southeast Division Vice President

Hello Ladies

The 71st. Southeast Division Conference was held in Mobile, AL on March 30th through April 1, 2017. As usual, our conference was successful and fun. I would like to thank those that attended. We had representatives from 10 units plus five guests. The Minutes of the meetings should go out soon.

Discussions were lively and educational. They included the many issues shared at the Mid-Winter Conference. Much time was devoted to the importance of each unit being incorporated and having a number of incorporation and each unit having a valid IRS EIN. The meeting included department and unit reports. It was interesting to hear about the great strides being made throughout our great organization.

A guest speaker, arranged by Kathy Ashley, was Gold Star Mother Marynell Winslow from Alabama. She explained briefly how her son, USMC LCPL Ryan Winslow, lost his life while serving in Iraq. Marynell and her husband George brought and shared a traveling exhibit...Remember Our Fallen. Many states have these exhibits. Each exhibit consists of many panels depicting the stories and photos of fallen heroes...both men and women. You can contact info@rememberingourfallen.org to see if your state is involved with this amazing, educational and touching program.

At a workshop, Jr PNP Deborah Evans explained the proper procedure for suggesting an MCLA by-law change. This was very important and knowledge that all of us should be aware of.

We were very sad to accept the resignation of our current Assistant VP Nancy Calleja. Nancy has been a real asset to the division with her devotion, knowledge and dependability. Madam President Karen Aune will appoint a recommended member to serve the remaining term of one year. If you are sincere and an active unit member, please volunteer to help. The responsibilities of the division assistant vice president can be found on page 8 of the National By-Laws under Section 210 under Duties of the Board Members.

Hopefully, we will have this position filled soon. I know the right person is out there and maybe it is you. If so, we can both look forward to being installed at the National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas in August. I am looking forward to seeing some of you there. So until then...

Semper Fi

Joyce Brickett

National Southeast Division Vice President

From the Headquarters' Office:

Spring brought rain to Virginia! Which seemed to delay the mail and gave me a little down time so I tackled the storage area. Let me admit I have been avoiding cleaning/organizing that room since the move. The boxes of files from the old office seemed slightly overwhelming just piled in the room! I am able to say the room is 85% organized and 100% better than it was... with a little help from a couple volunteers we should be able to get all the filing done in a couple weeks! (we are reorganizing the filing system)

Up in the office I have been searching for new items for the ship store. Is there anything you would like to see MCLA have for sale? Something you think would look great with an MCLA logo? Let me know. I can look into it and see if it's a possibility. Don't forget the Ship Store will close on July 1st in preparation for National Convention.

Thank you to all the units for sending in the Report of Election of Officers. I appreciate getting everyone up to date in the database! Please send one in for your unit if you haven't yet. I will be watching the mail for the Delegate forms and Banner forms!

I'm in the office Tuesday through Friday 9am -3pm. Please let me know if you need anything.

Have a great day!

Karen G - National Executive Secretary

From the OLA Committee



IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND COULD WAKE UP WITH THAT BIG BRIGHT SMILE AS YOU SEE ON THE CHILDREN ABOVE.

THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

THE LADIES OF THE MCLA ARE SUPERB AT MEETING THE NEEDS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING THE OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL PROJECT EACH YEAR AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

THIS YEAR OUR GIFTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO: **FRIENDS OF YATES**. It is a comprehensive community agency that provides care and support for domestic violence, prevention services, youth and adult development, emergency food and clothing distribution. They provide advocacy services to the community and Wyandotte County with an emphasis on the urban core in a supportive and empathetic manner healing individuals to feel empowered to become self-sufficient.

Their wish list :

**PILLOWS, TWIN SHEETS AND BEDDING, FEMENINE PRODUCTS,
BABY NEEDS- FORMULA, DIAPERS, WIPES, LOTION AND SOAPS
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

CHILDRENS UNDERWEAR

The OLA committee thanks you in advance for your continued support.

Committee Chairs:

Americanism: Karen Bressler, 6500 S Dayton St, Apt F107, Centennial, CO 80111

Child Welfare: Pat Engel, 2112 Hillview Dr, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 W Marquette Rd, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Carole Lyston, 5813 Oak Branch Dr, St Louis, MO 63128

Rehabilitation: Kathy Hoffman, 473 Ohio Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201

VAVS: Nancy Calleja, 2968 Silk Tree Terrace, The Villages, FL 32163



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Department of Wisconsin

On Saturday, April 30, during the Department of Wisconsin Convention, several MCLA members attended a Girl Scouts of Distinction ceremony in Appleton honoring forty-seven recipients of the Bronze Award, sixteen recipients of the Silver Award, and two recipients of the Gold Award. Lynnae Sievert, President of the Winnebago Unit, presented MCLA Good Citizenship Awards to the Gold Award recipients. It was the first time ever that a unit in the Department of Wisconsin had presented the Girl Scout Gold Award.



L to R: Winnebago Unit President Lynnae Sievert, Gold Award recipient Grace Schilling, Gold Award recipient Regina Lobner



MCLA members who attended the ceremony posed for a group photo with the Gold

Award recipients: (L to R) National Senior Vice President Carol Smith, Jane Stoel, Brenna Glas, Gold Award recipient Grace Schilling, Department of Wisconsin President Kerry Brown, Gold Award recipient Regina Lobner, Cheryl Benson, Winnebago, Unit President Lynnae Sievert, Melissa Rende, Central Division Vice President Judy Blackmer

Thanks much,
Carol Smith

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JUDY McMCULLOCH *4/07/2017. Hamilton Walters Unit, Dept of Iowa .No condolences address. Cards may be sent to Prugh- Thielen Funeral Home in Burlington, Ia. 52601.

In sympathy and prayer- IN THE DARKEST HOUR THE SOUL IS REPLENISHED AND GIVEN THE STRENGTH TO CONTINUE AND ENDURE.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Sal Curcio. Sal was the son of Jean and Jim Curcio of West Hudson Unit and detachment in Kearny, NJ. He passed away from a heart attack after other health issues. Cards of condolence may be sent to his parents:

Carolyn Hildebrand from the Dubuque Unit in Iowa lost her husband Don to cancer. He had been in the hospital for pneumonia as well. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her at: 2269 Graham Circle, Dubuque, Ia. 52002. Both are long time members of the League and Detachment.

Jackie Hicks, Hardware City, Ct. member had knee surgery and is home recovering. I am sure she would enjoy cards of cheer. 304 Derby Ave. Derby, CT. 06418.

Central Missouri member, Kris Walker had a third surgery on her neck. Cards of cheer for her go to: 2026 St. Louis Road, Jefferson City, MO. 65101.

Many will be traveling to Dept. conventions this Month. We bid them safe travels.

HE WHO CANNOT FORGIVE OTHERS BREAKS THE BRIDGE OVER WHICH HE HIMSELF MUST PASS. CORRIE TEN BOOM.

NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

Mary Lou Webb, Assistant National Chaplain





**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.
NATIONAL CREDENTIAL/DELEGATE FORM**

Unit: _____ Unit Strength: _____ Delegates Allowed: _____
(To be verified by the Nat'l Secretary or the Registration Chair)

Unit City/State: _____ Dept: _____ Division: _____

Convention Location: Overland Park, Kansas Date: August 13 to August 18, 2017

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be determined on the basis of Unit membership strength reported to and on record with National Headquarters on July 1st immediately preceding each National Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Unit shall be as follows: For the first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular Members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of fifteen (15) members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. Only members in good standing are eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate (based on membership as of June 30). PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Del / Alt / Member	Name	City, State	Office Held (if applicable)	Amount Paid	Pre Reg Y / N
	1.				
	2.				
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	4.				
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	6.				
	7.				
	8.				
	9.				
	10.				

Upon election, make three (3) copies and return immediately to National Headquarters, c/o National Secretary, 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554-7771 no later than July 1, immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5.00 per Delegate, Alternate or Member to have credentials prepared in advance. **Please Note:** The cost for registration after July 1 and at Convention will be \$6.00 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

Unit President

Attest: _____
Unit Secretary

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Date Received: _____

Nat'l Secretary / Registration Chair

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.
50 YEAR PIN APPLICATION**

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

**DATE OF ORIGINAL
APPLICATION**_____

UNIT_____

DEPARTMENT_____

This is to certify that the above named member has been a member in good standing for fifty (50) years and is eligible to be awarded the 50 year membership pin.

UNIT PRESIDENT

NOTARY

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

DIVISION VICE PRESIDENT

Attach a copy of the original application. Where no application is available, this affidavit must be notarized. Send original to the chairman of the 50 year pin committee. Keep a copy for your records.

Rev. 2017



THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

1201 Constitution Avenue
The Navy Yard - Building 649
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19112

CHAPEL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Note: This form has been revised. Please use only this form and discard older forms.

I nominate the following person for membership in the Legion of Honor of The Chapel of Four Chaplains. In support of this nomination, a concise profile of his or her selfless service is provided below. This service is *above and beyond the nominee's regular vocational responsibilities or member/officer responsibilities in a civic, fraternal or veterans service organization*. I believe that this nominee would add honor to The Chapel's roll of awardees.

Note: If you are proposing a candidate for a Humanitarian or Life Saving award, Bronze or Gold Medallion, the nominating statement should be comprehensive *and follow the Nomination Guidelines*. Junior Legion of Honor awards are presented to youth in grade 9 or below.

Nominating statements **must** be typed. Handwritten nominating statements will not be reviewed by the Awards Committee. If you have difficulty having your nominating statement typed please contact the Chapel office. Your nomination is important and we will attempt to locate a resource for you. LOH nominations must be submitted a *minimum of two weeks* prior to presentation to be reviewed by the Awards Committee. Nominations requiring medallions must be submitted six weeks in advance of presentation

Please provide all of the requested information below. Thank you.

Name of Nominee:

Type of Award Requested:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone:

E-mail:

Name of Nominator:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date/Time of Ceremony:

Name of Presenter:

Location of Ceremony:

Title of Presenter:

NOMINATING STATEMENT:



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*DATED MATERIAL
JUNE 2017*



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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