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Dates to Remember:

March 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

When you get this newsletter, we will be headed to Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg, VA. It would be great to see all of you there!

I hope that everyone is starting to see Spring around the corner. It has been a very busy and quick few months since Convention. The new secretary has really been working hard to get us on track and keep things moving. Those attending Mid-Winter will have the opportunity to meet and visit with Karen on Thursday March 2. She will be joining us there for the afternoon. And she is very excited to meet our members!

If you have placed an order with the ships store since the 15th of February, you likely have not received the merchandise yet. In order to prepare for Mid-Winter, we stop filling orders about 2 weeks ahead of that, but your order(s) will be filled as soon as possible after the merchandise is returned to the office and inventoried. Thanks for your patience and understanding with this.

I know that several of the Divisions will be holding their yearly conference over the next few months as well the various department conventions. Although these events are usually the time we spend getting the business done that only happens once or twice a year, I hope that you will make time to remember our military personnel and their families with an extra prayer and take the time to enjoy each other's company and friendship.

As we move in to the warmer months it is the perfect time to get out and let others see what we are about. Remember, we are one of the best kept secrets around, and we really want to change that! We want others to see what we are doing and how important it is to our Veterans. Hopefully, this will give them the incentive to join us. Make sure you always have an application handy and the pamphlet 'What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary'. You will find these to be very helpful recruiting tools.

Thank you for all that you do every day in service to our veterans, their families and communities. I couldn't be more proud to be a member of this great organization!

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President



**March 17 - St Patrick's
Day**

**March 20 – First Day of
Spring**



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

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,

At this writing, the Mid-Winter Conference is about two weeks away. Many of you will receive this information while traveling to Fredericksburg. I need to report a last minute change for our Saturday morning breakfast honoring Madam President Karen Aune.

Since there is limited space in Ledo's Pizza and Pasta restaurant in the hotel, and in order to take advantage of our two free breakfasts per room which are included in our hotel package, we will be using the buffet in the restaurant and taking our meals across the hall to our meeting room. Although this is a minor change, I wanted everyone to be aware of it. I hope that all members will join me in honoring our wonderful president at her breakfast.



Several members of the Onslow County Unit, Marine Corps League Auxiliary gathered for a group photo at PCDD George Barrows' funeral visitation in Jacksonville, NC on January 18, 2017. Pictured: (seated L to R) Diane Randall, President Pat Walker, National Senior Vice President Carol Smith, Louise Greggs; (standing L to R) Judge

Advocate Pam Giltner, Senior Vice President Debbie Ryan, Secretary Carla Camp, Nita Morrison. These lovely ladies just chartered last summer, and the unit already has approximately 18 members.

I wish all of you safe travels and look forward to seeing you soon!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies

In just a couple of weeks many of us will be in Fredericksburg, VA. It will be a joy to see old friends, meet new friends and share ideas to help the Departments & Units. I am reminded often how very important our units are. They are the backbone on which we build this wonderful organization. I

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

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.....

continue to be amazed at what they accomplish. So many of these units really do not realize how important their work is and how much they impact their community. Just the other day I talked with a small unit that is struggling to have enough officers. They have only a few members and only two who can work. Still they work a soup kitchen & provide moneys quarterly to this very soup kitchen. They are truly Angels among us. I know that their Department & the Division is working on solutions to keep this unit open. There is help & hope for these units. We all need to recruit, retain & mentor.

I love these quotes:

“Forget all the reasons it won’t work and believe the one reason that it will.”
– *Unknown*

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

Ladies I choose to be encouraged by all the great things each of our Units accomplish each year.

May we find the solutions that attract more ladies to join our Auxiliary?

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

It’s been another wonderful month for our membership as far as questions, issues, concerns. It shows the chain of command can work to address unit and department level matters because my phone has not rang or emails have not come across my computer. Just be sure that you know my door is always open when matters cannot be solved at these levels.

There is one issue that is of great importance to me, it’s near and dear to my heart. I address it every time it is brought up in front of me, which is way too often. Every one of our auxiliary members have said it once or twice or maybe every time they speak of our Marines. The issue is the Marine Corps League does **Not** have a men’s detachment, nor is there a men’s side of the house. We have Marines first in our league, which includes hundreds of women Marines. Then our Marine members should be identified as Marine detachments or Marine League. Our female Marines have earned the right and deserve to be attached to our Marine Corps League and not a men’s club or the men’s side of the house. Ladies we need to work on this strongly, honor our female Marines as they are women first and they don’t belong to a men’s club/league.

Ladies by the time you read this message our Midwinter session will be arriving in Fredericksburg, Virginia. I know our national president will have many things on her agenda to bring up to the board of trustees. I hope if you have questions or concerns you have made sure your division vice knows of them so we can help. Just to refresh your memory ladies, we have six months until national convention and it is a bylaw year. It’s truly not too early to start drafting your inputs, they need to be submitted 90 days before national convention.

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.

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www.nationalmcla.org

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One last thought to remember, it is so important to move forward in our goals to help support our Marines, Marine families, children, community, and veterans. Dwelling on the past **Will Not** get our mission done.

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 Rocky Mountain Division Vice President

To the Auxiliary,

I just would like to let you know that I'm waiting to find out when the Rocky Mountain Division Conference will be held in New Mexico, since there is no Auxiliary I was thinking we could do something in Colorado for the ladies.

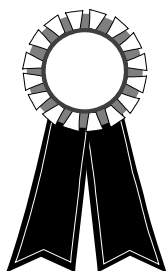
Mid-Winter will be held in Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center 2801 Plank Road Fredericksburg, VA March 2-4 2017

Just remember I'm challenging all units in the Rocky Mountain Division to grow by recruiting, the top member will receive a \$50.00 gift card for a Restaurant of their choice.

Let's recruit and grow!!!

Debby Krueger
Rocky Mountain Division VP





Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Morris Dixon Unit

Clearwater, Florida

President Fran Cona invited the Gold Star Mothers to give a presentation to the Morris F Dixon Jr Unit. The unit was thrilled with the group's courage & information. Several other units had members attend. A delicious lunch was provided. The idea came from Kathy Ashley, Sr.Vice



Pictured from left to right are Evelyn Joppa, National Jr. Vice, Fran Cona, Unit President, Donna Kistel, Blue Star Mother, Toni Gross, Gold Star Mother, Jean Uffalussy, Gold Star Mother, & Jean Tamburrino, Department of Florida President.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GIRL SCOUT CHAIRMAN

It is time to order your Girl Scout Good Citizenship Awards. The most economical way to buy them is 25 certificates for \$25.00, that way they are only \$1.00 each. The awards are good for next few years if you would have any left over. They plan to do no changes to the awards that I know of.

You can call the National Office, 571-477-2780 and talk with Karen. Or you can email National with your order. If emailing please give her your order, the credit card number you are using (need also the expiration date and the 3

code numbers on back of card) and the address the awards are to be mailed to.

Do not know the amount of certificates in stock at the National office. However, I do know more of you are doing the awards. So I am suggesting ordering now so will give National time to know if they need to resupply their inventory in time to please all the auxiliaries doing the awards.

If you have questions about the Girl Scout Councils in your area, please email me so I can help you. There are some auxiliaries doing awards for a state next to theirs because the state has no auxiliary. If you are aware of such a situation next to your state and want to do the Girl Scout awards for that state please let me know. That way I can know who is doing what, just in case another state auxiliary has also chosen to do the awards for the same state.

Thank you for honoring the Girl Scouts for their work to achieve the Gold Award.

Carole Lyston my email carolelyston@gmail.com or 314-892-59445

MARCH 2017 CHAPLAIN NEWS



GONE FROM OUR SIGHT, BUT NOT FROM OUR HEARTS.

MARIA TREVINO * 1/10/2017 Coastal Bend Unit, Texas. Condolences to son and daughter in law, Amado and Viola Trevino, 3337 Casa De Amigos Dr. Corpus Christi, TX. 78411.

LINDA SMEREKANCIZ * 1/15/2017 Valley Unit, KY. Condolences to husband; William Smerekanicz, Box 7, Owenton, KY. 40539.

JOAN GALLAGHER * 1/22/2017 North Shore Queens Unit, Dept of New York. Condolences to daughter and Joan's Husband Edwin go to: Joan Marie della Badia, 3 Garden Street, Bayville, NY. 11709. Ed will be living with daughter. (Before her passing Joan had received many cards from so many of you wishing her well, and I know from her daughter that she read them all and they gave her peace.)

PNP JOYCE ORR * 2/09/2017 Belcher Lane Unit (defunct) Dept of Michigan. Condolences to daughters, Deborah Jagow, 2885 Renshaw Dr. Troy, Michigan. 48085 and LuAnn Jones, 4683 Huntington Dr. Port Huron, Michigan, 48060.

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PDP Viola Eggert from the Dept of Illinois lost her husband HPDC Frosty Eggert of the Rockford detachment on Feb. 1/2017. He was a Korean War veteran. Violet is a member of the Sauk Valley Unit in Rock Falls, Ill. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her at: 1419 Minns Drive, Machesney Park, Il. 61115.

Donna Rampone's husband Richard was in the hospital with an infection, Donna is president of the Hardware City Unit in CT.

Heart of Texas member, Cheryl Bihl lost her Marine Husband Danny on Dec. 15/2016. They had just observed their 45th wedding anniversary, Cards of condolence may be sent to Cheryl Bihl at: 134 Lakeland Park Circle, Mart, TX. 76664-5151.

Hardware City Unit president , Donna Rampone and Dept of Ct President, Jean Lawrence, lost their sister in law, Sylvia Renoir on Feb. 1st. 2017. Cards of condolence may be sent to them at: Donna Revior Rampone, 530 Edgewood Road, Kensington. CT. 06037. And Jean Lawrence, 370 High St. Apt. 114, New Britain, Ct. 06037.

Jean is scheduled for surgery also and I will update all on her progress, but I am sure cards of cheer would be welcome.

I know the flu and cold season hit our members very hard. I know we are all sending prayers to those gals and wish them well.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU, MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK, MAY THE SUN SHIINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE: THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FILEDS AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

Mary Lou Webb, Assistant National Chaplain





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