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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



It's almost summer and it's time to begin preparing for National Convention in Overland Park Kansas. Be sure to get your Delegate forms in before July 1 to avoid the additional fee. In addition, this is a Bylaw year so be sure to think about any changes or updates that you feel may be beneficial to the Auxiliary and submit those by May 16.

Be a Volunteer!

The more we give, the happier we feel. **Volunteering** increases self-confidence. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a **volunteer** can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

Did you know it is believed that volunteering can reduce stress, combat depression, be mentally stimulating and provide a sense of purpose? The benefits of volunteering are almost endless. Most of us volunteer because we see a need and want to do our part to fill this. But it is amazing the benefits the volunteer receives as well. Making new friends and contacts, bring fun and fulfillment to your life and providing a priceless service to those in need are all products of volunteering.

So, whether you are helping at your local VA hospital or outpatient clinic, serving food at a soup kitchen, helping a young child deal with a tragic event, sewing quilts or making lap robes, preparing care packages for our overseas troops, remember, your efforts are not without reward, you are keeping yourself mentally healthy and happy!

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and talents to assist those in need or distress. Each of you are an angel to someone, even if you are not aware of it.

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

At my unit meeting this week, our members submitted their lists of volunteer activities to be forwarded to our Department chairs. It is inspiring to see the number of times

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

our members volunteer their time, the countless hours they serve our veterans and communities, and the number of miles they drive in pursuit of our mission. Any city or town that has a Marine Corps League Auxiliary unit among its residents is fortunate to have so many caring volunteers in their midst, and these units should be recognized, congratulated, and thanked for their efforts.

Our Central Division Conference was held in Richmond, IN last month. It was a fun and productive weekend. We were honored by the presence of National President Karen Aune, who just happens to now live in Florida but continues to be a member of the Macomb County Unit in Michigan and is, therefore, a member of Central Division. I would like to extend my personal thanks to our very knowledgeable and efficient Central Division Vice President Judy Blackmer and her wonderful assistant, Mary Brief. They shared so much valuable information at our meetings. We also had four of our Department Presidents in attendance. It was nice to learn firsthand what various departments and their respective units do for our veterans.



from Department of Indiana Marine Corps League Commandant Ann Hunsinger for her hard work. During a workshop, Andrea shared with auxiliary attendees several wonderful things that her unit does for their community.

It is now time to prepare for our respective Department Conventions. I look forward to attending several...Departments of WI, ID, MD, IL MO, and OR. May they be informative, inspiring, and fun! Thanks, as always, for all that you do.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President Members of the Auxiliary

Greetings Ladies!

I just visited a small unit in Kokomis Florida. What a delight! This unit only has seven members and they said, "oh we don't do much anymore". Two of the seven are 91 years young! They meet every month at the DAV. They make lap robes for

During our joint opening session, Andrea Haskett (right), President of the Whitewater Valley Unit in Richmond, IN received a prestigious and well-deserved Distinguished Citizen Award

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/



the VA hospital. They do a dinner for their Marines. They still do ditty Bags for veterans. This is only a small part of what they do. They are willing to try new things. This is a fine example of the wonderful commitment our auxiliaries have. We will find a way to help them gain new members to carry the load. Where there is the will there is a way. Please share what is working for your unit. May we find the solutions that attract more ladies to join our Auxiliary?

At the Southeast Division Conference we had four associate members of the league show interest in the auxiliary. Two visited the Saturday AM meeting.

Reminder: a dual member need to fill out enclosure 38. It is to be attached to the application sent to National.

“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

Truly hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. I know I was blessed to be with my twin, her family, other relatives and friends in Minnesota.

It has been a quiet month and I hope that everyone is looking forward to election of new officers in your units and departments for the coming year. I need to refresh all our auxiliary members of our duties when taking a potion that our responsibilities to our members are defined in our unit, department, and our national bylaws. If anyone has a question and can’t find an answer, it’s important to go to your judge advocate first. If no solution, then take it up your chain of command. I’m here to help. Three issues that keep coming across my desk,

All Checks are required 2 signatures, no if’s or but’s. It’s a must

Secretary, treasurer is Not to be held by President or Judge Advocate

When stepping down from a position, all property you have collected over the term of your office is to be passed on to incoming elected/appointed officers/positions. This is a must. It’s the property of our MCLA auxiliary members, not of one individual.

Please members, I am giving all this advice as per our national bylaws and it’s not my opinions. It is in writing. Take a few minutes to look through your bylaws for any questions you might have as you take on a new roll for our organization or maybe just a question you have in general.

One last thing about property, I had the great honor of a past division vice, my mentor and a very dear friend that truly welcomed me into this auxiliary. She was ever so kind to loan me her cover when I took over the office of division vice. I wore it with pride while I served but I knew it had a home after I moved on from my office. I returned it to her daughter after her mother had passed for as much as it meant to me, it had a more special place with my dear friend’s family. I never took it with the intent that it was mine to have, I took it as a loan of honor from a special division officer that came before me. I know covers are expensive and I truly thank our members that help each other out and loan their covers so the expense of each office isn’t so great. Please, please ladies keep this in mind when it comes to that special cover that is being

shared. A special member purchased it and is so kind to share with others, let's look at returning shared items to their rightful place.

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 GIRL SCOUT Chairman

In 2016 Girl Scouts celebrated the centennial of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. So it is a nice effort that our auxiliary started, many years ago, to give out an award to these girls. Last year we gave out our Good Citizenship Awards to girls in 13 states. I have heard from two other states this past year about them giving out the awards this spring. Ladies if you have any questions about doing the awards for the Girl Scouts who have earned their Gold Award in your state please contact me. Girls are usually give their award in June.

The awards must be purchased from our National Headquarters; we are not supposed to copy the award by printing them ourselves. I am used to doing over a 100 awards each year, so that is why in the past newspaper articles I encouraged you to purchase large amounts, over 100, because it was individually cheaper to order 100 at a time. I just thought that all the councils in our nation would have large amounts of girls earning the award every year. However, in talking with some of the ladies, this past year doing the awards, they have told me that only 2 or 3 girls earn the award in the Girl Scout Council near where they live. So you can certainly order the smaller amount to fit your needs.

I can email you samples of letters of congratulation to be included with the girl's award.

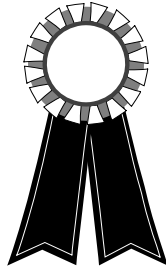
Also it has been suggested that a letter explaining what a Marine Corps League Auxiliary is, or some information about your auxiliary be included with the award, so that the girl and her family can understand the importance of the auxiliary giving the award.

Remember to send me a report by July 1st of the number of girls you gave awards to using MARINE COPRS LEAGUE AUXILIARY COVER SHEET, ENCLOSURE #25.

Thank you for honoring the Girl Scouts in your area.

Carole Lyston – send questions or reports by email to
carolelyston@gmail.com

Or mail to 5813 Oak Branch Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128



Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Spring Hill Unit

Department of Florida

Spring Hill Unit's successful Tea & Fashion Show This event was well supported by the community. The best news is, this is their first fashion show. Way to go ladies.

Pictured below from left to right:

Robin Mazzeo, Jean Tamburrino, Ros Kelley, Kathy Hagel, Kathy Schmitz & Barbara Wright



MAY 2017 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS

HE HAS GRANTED TO US HIS PRECIOUS
AND VERY GREAT PROMISES, SO THAT
THROUGH THEM YOU MAY BECOME
PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

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Audrey Roiger * 3/21/2-17 Forrest G James Unit, MN Condolences to:
Randy Roiger and Allan Roiger, 41 Country Manor, Eagle Lake, Minn.

Anna Alteno * 3/22/2017 McHenry County Unit, IL. Condolences to: Jane Maria
Ledene, 9823 Linn Ave, Schiller Park, IL

Zelma Czuhanych * NO date of death J.W Thurston Unit, NY, Next of kin
unknown.

Rosie Langevin * 4/2/2017 Gen. A.A. Vandergrift Unit, FL. Condolences to: Kim
Hoffman, 3326 E 26th St. Minneapolis. MN. 55406.

Pam Faz * 3/17/2017 Past Sec. Nebraska Unit. Condolences to: Husband, John
Faz, 2444 SW 16th, Lincoln, NE. 68522.

Nellie Zahn * 2/27/2017 Lafayette, Indiana. Condolences to: Daughter, Royetta
O'Maley, 2378 N 24th St. Lafayette, IN. 47904.

Bea Georgopoulos is back home after 3 ½ weeks in a rehab facility. She expressed
her deep gratitude for all the calls, cards etc of good wishes. Keep her in your
thoughts and prayers.

Past Dept of Missouri President, Dorothy Matthews lost her husband Billy .There
were many who shared fond memories of times spent with this couple and I have
some as well. Condolences may be sent to Dorothy at: 12502 Maries County
Road, Vischy, MO. 65580.

Drenna Accord from the Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough Unit in MO had a knee
replacement. Cheerful cards go to her at: 27614 County Road 307, Advance,
MO 63730.

Long time Central Division member, Martha Albright is in the hospital at a Masonic Home in Indiana. She is suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. Her husband said cards would be very much appreciated. Her address is: Health Center room 106, Compass Park, Indiana Mason Home, 690 State St., Franklin, In. 46131.

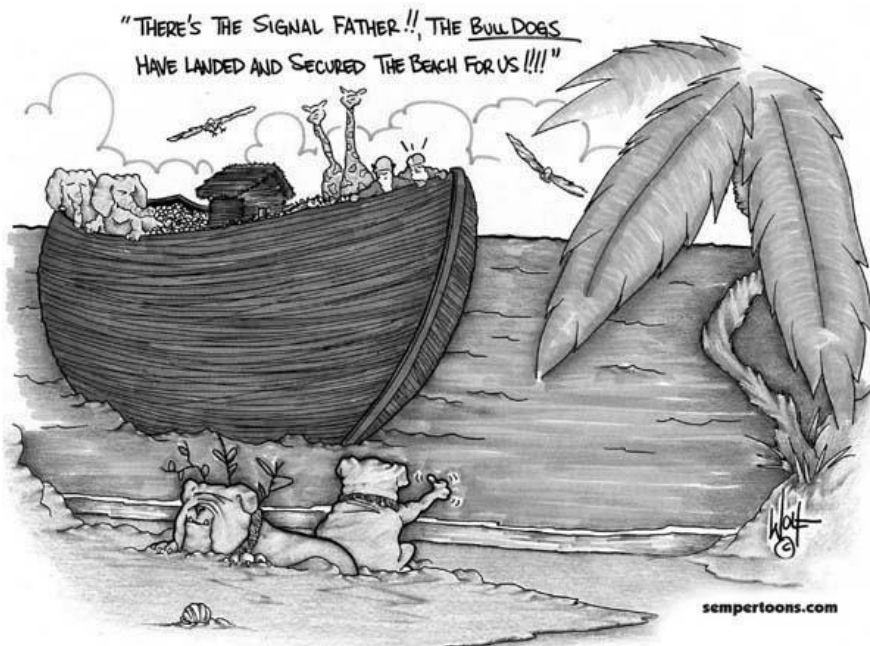
Sr. Vice for the River Valley Claude Rodgers Unit in Ark, Patsy Lambert, mourns the passing of her daughter Sheila Wilson who passed in March. Cards may be sent to Patsy at; 4721 South 10th Street. #2, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 72901.

Central Missouri Unit member Kris Walker had neck surgery and is now resting at home. She is still in pain. Cards of cheer Genevieve Vadeboncoeur member from the Alexander Bonnyman Unit in TN. Lost her husband of 52 years April 18th. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 2701 Smallwood Drive, Knoxville, TN. 37920.

Wanda Snody, Charter member of the Music City Unit in Tn is in need of our prayers. She has been diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome. Cards may be sent to: Thomas Medical center, room 740, 4220 Harding Road, Nashville, TN. 37205.

Life Member, Linda Hudgens of the West Central IL Leathernecks Auxiliary Unit lost her husband Donald Dale "Hudge" Hudgens, on March 31st. Hudge was a Life/Charter member of the West Central IL Leathernecks, and served as paymaster for many years. Please send prayers or condolences to Linda Hudgens and Family, POB 1003, Jacksonville, IL 62650-1003.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
PNP BARBARA NOBILE





PROGRAMS OF PRIDE SOUTHERN DIVISION

The Southern Division Conference MCLA meeting was held in Tyler, Texas on March 25th, 2017. Southern Division Vice-Pres, Viola Trevino and Asst. So. Div. Vice, Linda Blair, presided over the Division meeting. Vice-Pres. Trevino shared information she obtained in Va. at the Mid-Winter Conference and presented certificates awarded to various members. We were proud to have all the Division units represented at the Conference. The members also held a very profitable Raffle benefiting the MCLA's charitable endeavors.

The MODDF Department of Texas Hide held the Southern Division Scratch and Big Flea, Viola Trevino inducted one new Crawler into the Hide. Fun and frivolity was had by all in a "Spring Cleaning" costume contest. The Fleas also, pestered and cleaned-up one new MODD Pup during the Scratch. Big Flea, Viola, presented donations from the Scratch to the MCLA Dept. of Texas Operation Little Angel fund.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MCLA CONFERENCE



DEPT OF TEXAS MODDF HIDE SCRATCH
AT SOUTHERN DIVISION CONFERENCE





FLEA OF THE YEAR

NOMINATIONS – 2017

Fleas.....It is time to make our nominations for the **2017 National Flea of the Year**. There are many outstanding FLEAS in our ranks. Please take the time to recognize your deserving members for the hard work they put into the organization as well as within their community. Following are the guidelines for nominations:

1. MUST be a FLEA in good standing
2. MUST have done volunteer work in the community
3. MUST have promoted FLEA membership
4. MUST have promoted fun and frivolity with the DOGS
5. MUST have promoted harmony and goodwill within the Hide
6. MUST be a ready and willing volunteer
7. MUST not be self-seeking
8. MUST have a team spirit
9. **Those submitting nominations** will be responsible to see that their candidate is present and attending the National Convention, as this is a National Award and only given there.

The work done MUST be related to the Military order of the Devil Dog Flea organization. The nominations for the 'Flea of the Year' are to be sent to the previous years' National Flea of the Year, Elaine Schieffer. The judges will consist of the Past National Flea of the Year recipients. Each judge will receive copies of the nominations prior to the National Flea Scratch.

Nominations: On the following 'Nomination Form', please write a couple of paragraphs about your Flea's work in the community, promoting membership, fun with the Dogs, and how she promotes harmony, good will, and team spirit (see # 1 thru #8 above)

Send your nominations by Email OR by Mail NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2017 to:

By E-mail to: elaineschieffer@sbcglobal.net

By mail to: Elaine Schieffer
133 Cook Road
Prospect, CT 06712-1816



NATIONAL HIDE M.O.D.D. FLEA OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017 NOMINATION FORM

DATE:

NAME OF NOMINEE:

UNIT NAME:

Certification:

The above named nominee for the M.O.D.D. Flea of the Year Award meets all criteria for nomination. ie: Dues paid member in good standing.

Signature of nominating member:

nominating member unit:

Nomination form should be submitted to FOY Committee Chairman by June 15, 2017.

Type or print reason(s) for selection of this nominee; if more space is need use back or add another sheet.

Award to be presented at Devil Dog/ Flea Luncheon-National Convention-



Banner Form



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

Unit/Department Name

Contact Person

Address

Home Telephone Number

Email Address

Please PRINT or TYPE all information and return this form by June 30, 2017 to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
National Headquarters
3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554



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