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From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

**Happy 242nd Birthday to the
United States Marine Corps and
Happy Veterans Day to all of our
wonderful servicemen and women!**



We are moving into the time of year that brings lots of opportunities to celebrate and remember and I ask that you remember not only our Marines and their families, but all Veterans and families.

I had the opportunity in October to attend the Dept. of FL Fall Conference in Palm Beach Gardens. What a fabulous event. These ladies are very creative and very active. It was great to see the Fleas and Devil Dogs spend time together having fun!

On Veterans Day I will be attending the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. I look forward to the opportunity to salute our Veterans and join in recognizing their contributions to our great country. I hope that you will make time to do the same.

As always, I ask that you continue the pursuit of increasing our membership and retaining our current members. This is the responsibility of all members and WE NEED YOU! I have pointed out several times that we have the potential to be 10 times the size that we are, based on the size of the MCL. I know that it is not easy to recruit new members, but it is important to let them know that, even though they may not be able to expend a lot of time toward the physical support of the Unit, being able to count them in the membership can be just as important.

I appreciate all that you do to support our Auxiliary and the Veterans we serve. Without you these things would not happen and I know that they are very grateful for your caring attention.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

HQ TIDBITS:

As of October 15th

Of our 3039 members:

1310 members have paid dues.

We have:

63 new regular members

10 new associate members

16 new life or new associate life members

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

Division Conferences:

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



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,

Last month my husband and I attended a wonderful "Celebration of Life" for Past National Chaplain Ken Aune, husband of National President Karen. It was heartening to see so many of Ken's and Karen's friends there to remember him.

We left Michigan and headed straight to Quantico, VA for the Modern-Day Marine Expo. What an awesome array of weapons and technology on display for our active duty Marines! While on the east coast, I had the opportunity to assist our National Secretary, Karen Grady, with stuffing envelopes with our Convention Proceedings and Life Interest checks. I must give praise to Karen G. as she works alone in a very small office and accomplishes everything that is asked of her (and more) in a timely manner. We are very fortunate to have her on board!

My husband and I entered our golf cart in the local Illinois College Homecoming Parade and again had the pleasure of the company of one of our Iwo Jima Marines, 92-year-old Jerry Lowe, who rode in the back seat and tossed Toys for Tots items to the crowd. He was shown so much respect by spectators lining the streets as he well deserved!

Last week, my own unit elected and installed officers for the next year. I would like to congratulate and thank our new president, Tonya Crosier, upon taking on such a vital leadership role. Furthermore, we maintained our membership from last year and pledge to work hard to recruit new members during the next year. We all have in our possession the "What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary" brochures and will be handing them out to potential members. They can be printed from the MCLA website. We added information on the back about information about how we help veterans and an application form. I hope you will also pledge to do the same.

I finished out the month with a very successful Department of Illinois Staff meeting. It was so nice to get together with members that I haven't seen in a few months. Make sure you make the effort to attend your state events and keep in touch with members around your respective departments.

Enjoy the 242nd birthday celebration of the United States Marine Corps and honor all of our veterans by attending your local Veterans Day programs. Finally, we, in Illinois, have a number of Marines and Auxiliary members who are in need of our prayers. Hold your Marine family close and keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas
Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps
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www.mclnational.org/



From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies,

I trust your Fall Conferences were successful and fun.

Recruitment is always our objective. The Department of Florida recruited 5 new members at their Fall Conference in West Palm Beach October 5-8th. These Ladies were in attendance with their Marines and saw value in what the Auxiliary offered. Sometimes we need to look next door. The Department hosted the National President, Karen Aune. Her presence was appreciated, noted by the happy smiles of some of our newest members. Karen conducted the initiation for these two members.



New Member, Marian
Proto & Karen Aune



New Member, Gustine
Boyd & Karen Aune

The auxiliary has so much to offer those qualified to be members. We as auxiliaries and individuals need to continue to promote all we do. Don't just promote, ask ladies to join us! We are all busy, but we can show how important one individual member is. Each of our active members has their one special reason the Auxiliary is important to them. Each individual needs to know their help is needed and appreciated. Please make sure you sign the application when recruiting that new member. We want to know who is doing the recruiting. Reminder to the Jr Vice, please make sure the acceptance date is on the application, when passing it to the treasurer. Continue to share your success with contributions to Programs of Pride.

To keep our auxiliary strong, we need to stay on the quest to recruit at least one new member during this year. Good luck!

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

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

This month let's turn our attention to National Bylaws Article 6 Members, specifically Section 610-Membership Dues & Fees (D), Section 615-Good Standing (A)(1) and Section 620-Delinquent Members.

I would like all of the Department treasurers who have not received at least one (1) transmittal from every unit in your Department to raise your hands. Come on – don't be bashful. I am sure there are a few of you out there. (Ok, you can put your hands down now.) By now, each Unit treasurer should have submitted at least one transmittal with life members listed, along with their Unit's Bond form.

Section 610 (D) – The membership year and the annual dues shall expire annually on the 31st day of August each year. (Date shown on membership card.)

Section 615 – All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, (A) except when: (1) Required dues are not paid and transmitted within ninety (90) days after membership expiration date shown on member's membership card.

Section 620 – A member shall be identified as delinquent whenever the member's required dues are not paid and transmitted to National Headquarters within ninety (90) days after membership expiration date as shown on member's membership card.

Unit members, the clock is ticking and Nov. 30th will be here before you know it, so if you haven't sent your dues to your Unit treasurer, what are you waiting for?

Unit treasurers, if you have completed transmittals in your possession, don't keep holding them in the hope that another check will come in tomorrow's mail. Please send those transmittals to your Department treasurer now!

Department treasurers, we are coming down to the wire, so turn those transmittals around as quickly as possible. I know you can't process what you don't have, so a friendly reminder to Unit treasurers may be in order. Please remember that all transmittals must reach National Headquarters by Nov. 30th so everyone can remain a member in good standing with the MCLA.

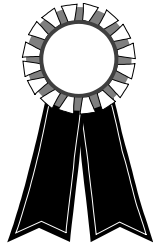
I want to wish all of our Marines a very Happy 242nd Birthday and all members of the Auxiliary and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. Whether you are having dinner with family or close friends, please stop for a moment and say a prayer or just pause for a moment of silence before dinner to remember those who are serving our country and not celebrating the day with their family and friends, those who have been displaced due to the floods, hurricanes or fires, and those who have lost loved ones due to the senseless violence that we seem to be seeing more and more of each day.

Until next month.

Semper Fidelis

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

**Spring Hill Unit
Department of Florida
Brooksville, Florida**

Spring Hill Unit members partnered with a sewing group to provide James A. Haley Veterans Hospital with Baby Blankets & Baby outfits for our new veteran mothers.



**Left to Right:
Diane Spencer, Jr
Vice
Karen Doulin,
Sewing Group
Joyce Burla,
Treasurer
Mary Akers,
Member**



**Deputy VAVS Representative Diane Spencer
&
VAVS Representative Eve Joppa delivered
items to the hospital.**

**This project involved several other members.
All items were hand made.**

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NOVEMBER 2017 NOTES



Isabella Brown* 9-15-2017. Brass City Memorial Unit, Ct. Condolences to: The Brown family, 20 Evans St. Waterbury, CT. 06708.

Diana Avant, Dept. of NJ member, took a terrible fall and broke her wrist and her pelvic bone. Address for cards: 38 Pine Oak Blvd. Barnegat, NJ 08005.

PDP of TN member, Constance Sexton lost her brother, Hugh Little on the 15th of Sept. Cards of condolence may be sent to Constance and her mother Betty Little at: 514 Valleyview Street, Seymour, TN. 37865.

Patty Lewis from the Dept. of PA, All Divisions Unit could use our prayers. Her husband Joe had part of his stomach removed due to cancer. Cards of cheer for them may be sent to: 30 Hideaway Drive, Willow Grove, PA 19090-1910.

All Divisions Unit member, Phyllis Tustin fell and broke her hip. Cards of cheer for her may be sent to: 477 Cedar Hollow Drive, Yardley, PA. 19067.

Mary Brown from the Hamilton Walters Unit in Iowa, fell and required surgery on her knee and ankle. She is doing very well and will be in a rehab for a bit. Cards of cheer for Mary go to: 1201 S. 7th, Burlington, Iowa, 52601.

Clem Cardow from the Valley Unit in CT. could use some cheerful greetings. She had back surgery in July, but when she got home her legs swelled and 6 blood clots were found. She returned to the hospital where it was cleared up and sadly she then had a TIA. Her address is: 25 Cook Lane, Beacon Falls, CT. 06403.

Bea Georgopulos sends all members a great big thank you for all the thoughts, cards and prayers after her hospitalization. Bea is from the Dept. of Colorado.

Ginger Huffman from the Alexander Bonnyman Unit in TN was overwhelmed with all your cards and enjoyed all the support and kind words.

PNP Virginia Johnson; Dept. of Michigan lost her sister Marge. Cards of condolence for Ginny go to: PNP Virginia Johnson, 12035 Fruitridge Drive, Kent City, Michigan, 49330-9715.

GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD, KNOWING HOW BLESSED YOU ARE. CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF NATURE AROUND YOU. CELEBRATE THE GOODNESS OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS. CELEBRATE THE CHANCE TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF

EACH DAY. MOST OF ALL; CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE. HOW BLESSED YOU ARE.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED – WITH THE STRENGTH OF HEAVEN—

THE LIGHT OF THE SUN- THE RADIANCE OF THE MOON- THE SPLENDOR OF FIRE-

THE SPEED OF LIGHTENING- THE SWIFTNESS OF THE WIND-

THE DEPTH OF THE SEA- THE STABILITY OF THE EARTH AND THE FIRMNESS OF THE ROCK.

St. Patrick's breastplate

SUBMITTED IN LOVE, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving



Registration Form

Person or Organization giving the Light _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

TYPE OF GIFT:

☐ IN HONOR OF _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the *Scroll of Honor*)

☐ IN MEMORY OF _____

(list name as you would like it displayed on the *Scroll of Honor*)

☐ YEAR-END GIFT to the United States Marines Youth Foundation

TYPE OF LIGHT:

_____ \$500 Red Light

_____ \$250 Gold Light

_____ \$100 Blue Light

_____ \$ 50 Green Light

_____ \$ 25 White Light

_____ \$ 10 Clear Lights

You will, of course, receive a **Thank-you Letter**. If you would *also* like to have an **Acknowledgement Letter** sent to the family of the person you are honoring, please tell us who you would like the Acknowledgement Letter sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send with your check payable to:

U. S. Marines Youth Foundation

3619 Jefferson Davis Highway

Suite 115

Stafford, VA 22554

Forms should be received prior to December 1st to guarantee inclusion on the **Scroll of Honor** that will be displayed at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. However, we will continue to accept donations through December 31st, at which time the final **Scroll of Honor** will be placed on display at the National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League and on the website of the United States Marines Youth Foundation (<http://usmarinesyouthfoundation.org>).

Questions? Please call (703) 207-9588

MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

MARCH 1 – 3, 2018 Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center

2801 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg VA 22401

Phone: (540) 786-8321 \$99.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 9, 2018

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, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution**

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

Banquet Meals @ \$45 Each

Full page @ \$100 _____				
Half page @ \$60 _____	Business card @ \$25 _____	No. of Meals _____	Total Cost of Meals	\$ _____
Quarter page @ \$30 _____	Patron listing @ \$2 _____			

Total number pre-registration delegates	_____	_____
Total number of banquet meals	_____	_____
Program book ads	_____	_____

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Please mail to: National Marine Corps League, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554.

For credit card payment call 703.207.9588 or email forms and ad copy to lwilliamson@MCLeague.org

Please Cc the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka at bborka@MCLeague.org



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY**
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