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

*October is
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Cancer
Awareness
Month*

From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary



It's hard to believe that 2 months have passed since National Convention. But, here we are at the time of year that brings about the changing of the leaves and cooler weather. Hopefully you have had a chance to get some feedback from those that attended and shared the information that they gathered. The proceedings have been printed and are in the mail. Included with those you will find the information on the Bylaw and Administrative Procedure changes that were accepted by the membership.

Everyone should know that your Board of Trustees works very hard to ensure the stability and growth of the Auxiliary. The opportunity to have your voice heard is at the Division Conferences and the National Convention. All members are encouraged to attend these events and be involved in the direction of the organization. We serve at the pleasure of the membership and we serve you!

As we move into the new season, let's remember our purpose, and as we provide the much needed and appreciated support, try to imagine what it would be like if we could double our efforts. I know that you will encounter ladies that would be very happy to help us with our goals, if only they knew the opportunity exists. When you are speaking with a potential member who says she just doesn't have the time to volunteer, remind her that everyone has the time 'to be counted'. Her membership will help increase our standing in the volunteer organization 'community.' While we need the many hands, we also need to show our ability to grow and increase our contributions.

As most of you know, these past couple of months have been a little difficult for me and I want to thank you for your kind words and prayers. You each are an angel in your own way.

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!



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



Please remember those who have been so severely affected by the recent weather events and keep them in your prayers, along with our service men and women. God Bless!

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 hope all of you are enjoying the cooler weather. It is my understanding that we should have a brilliant show of colors before the trees shed their leaves this fall.

As I write, I should be packing as I will soon be on the road again...this time to Michigan and on to Quantico, VA for the annual Modern Day Marine Expo. While there, I plan to spend some time in the office at National Headquarters helping to stuff envelopes with National Convention proceedings that will be mailed out to all Departments and Units soon.

Ladies, it is truly an honor to have been re-elected as your National Senior Vice President in August, and I pledge to work hard on behalf of each of you, our Marines and their families, and my community throughout the year.

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies,

Our hearts & prayers go out to all our members recovering from the recent hurricanes & fires.

Many have a long way to go. Thanks to all who are providing helping hands.

Many of us are getting back to the business at hand. Departments Fall Conferences, Birthday Balls & Veterans Day planning, Toy for Tots program which keep our days filled with fun as we know how great it is to spend time with those who share our goals. Remember Programs of Pride and share your fun & success.

Recruitment is so important! Please make sure you sign the application when recruiting that new member. We want to know who is doing the recruiting. There is a date that a new member uses when filling out the application, however the acceptance date for the unit is just as important. That is the date the new member is official. It is the date the office uses to determine date of membership. Please send these new members in right away. All current members should be transmitted by November 29th to be in good standing. There will always be late

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paying members and of course they should be transmitted. Please do not hold these late paying transmittals. SEND ALL TRANSMITTAL IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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:

Happy fall! First, I would like to thank you for selecting me to be your National Judge Advocate. It is a pleasure to serve all of you in this position. Second, I apologize for not having an article for the September newsletter. Time just wasn't on my side to write and submit an article after returning home from the National Convention.

Once some of you begin reading my article, you are going to think, “Oh, no – here we go again! Didn't former JA Evelyn Joppa write about these same subjects back in April of 2016? And now, our new JA is writing on them again. What gives here?” Well, ladies, there is an old saying: “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” So you might say these subjects are the squeaky wheels, and the only way to stop that squeak is for every Unit and Department to be the grease.

Administrative Procedure Chapter 8, Section 850 IRS Reports – Does your Department/Unit have an Employer Identification Number (EIN)? If not, why not? **It's FREE.** The process is easy; just go to www.irs.gov, click on Apply for EIN and follow the directions. The entire process should take 20 minutes or less and you will receive your EIN number, usually the same day or within 24 hours. When you receive the letter from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, stating “We Assigned You an Employer Identification Number,” be sure to print off the letter for your files and send copies to your Department Treasurer, Division Vice and National Headquarters.

Have you filed your 990 e-postcard? If not, what are you waiting for? Yes, I know you have until November 15th to file, but if you do it now and encounter a problem there will be time to correct it, rather than waiting until the last minute. Remember, we operate on a July 1–June 30 fiscal year.

Finally has your EIN been revoked because you neglected to file a 990 e-postcard for three (3) consecutive years? Don't fret: Contact PNP Jackie Hunter and she can help you through the reinstatement process.

Bylaws Article 7, Section 710 Incorporations (new 8/17) – Is your Department/Unit incorporated? It should be. The process is a bit more

detailed than getting your EIN number. Each state has different filing procedures and in some states there is a cost involved. Some states may not call it Incorporation, but Certificate of Good Standing. Go to your Department of State website to determine what needs to be done to file. If you encounter problems locating the form, call them and ask for assistance.

Ladies, compliance with the above Administrative Procedures and Bylaw is not an option. If you find yourself noncompliant, please make it a priority and do something about it. Complete that dreaded paperwork! As my dear mother used to say, "Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Until next month.

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the PAST National Judge Advocate

Auxiliary members, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that answered my questions that I put in our monthly newsletters in reference to our national bylaws and administrative procedures. Great response by all and I do have to recognize our auxiliary winner that answer the questions correctly, timely and with the most responses.

A Big Thank You to Dorcas Simpson, from the department of Texas. She was presented a certificate of Appreciation, a new set of bylaws and administrative procedures, a copy of our Do's and Don'ts and a copy of Roberts Rules of Order. Truly hope if this continues to be a monthly submission that more and more auxiliary members dig into their bylaws to help them learn and understand how our auxiliary operates.

Semper Fi

Colleen English

Past National JA

From the Headquarters Office:

All Units and Divisions will be receiving Life Member Distribution checks soon (if you haven't already). Please cash these asap, Checks from HQ are only good for 90 days. If your unit or Division is not going to cash the check – for any reason – please mark it VOID and return it to HQ. This will assist me with record keeping. If you do not receive a check, and think you should please contact me by email or phone. I will help sort it out and reissue a check if necessary.

Thanks so much!

Karen G

HQ Secretary

FROM THE DESK OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Members

Article submissions for our monthly newsletters are to be sent to the MCLA Newsletter Editor at mcla-newsletters@msn.com in a Word Document file, not to Headquarter MCLA. This is to ensure that the newsletter will have the same consistency throughout and that all of us have come to expect for these newsletters. Deadline for all articles is the 15th of each month except March and August in which articles are due after Mid-Winter Conference and the National Convention as dates of the two (2) will vary from year to year.

Calling all Units and Departments, don't forget you can "toot" your horns by submitting Programs of Pride to the newsletters.

Meg Krebs
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OCTOBER 2017 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



Madelyn Jean Johnson * Hamilton Walters Unit, Iowa. Condolences to Tim Johnson, 1829 Dehn, Burlington, IA. 52601.

Bea Robins * Music City Unit, TN. Condolences to Suellen Robins Holland. 831 Stonebrook Blvd. Nolensville, TN. 37135...

O give thanks to the lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Linda Wong, Dept of Iowa, Larry Nehring Unit, lost her mother in law. Cards of condolence go to her and Carl Wong at: 620 SE 18th St. Grimes. IA. 50111.

PNP Jackie Hunter took a fall and broke her foot. Although in pain she is home on crutches and a boot. Cards of cheer for her go to: 1820 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO. 65101.

Ginger Huffman, Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit, TN is in need of our prayers. She has learned that her non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has returned. She is a fighter but your cards of encouragement could really help. 618 Old Sevierville, Pike, Seymour, TN. 37865.

PNP Alice Blackford rode out the storms in Texas at her sons. But not without falling into the flood waters and injuring herself. Keep her in your prayers.

Bea Georgopulos from the Windsor Marines Unit in Colorado was in the hospital and is now home after having fluid drained from her lungs. I know Bea would enjoy your cards. 595 S Alton Way, Unit 4D, Denver, CO. 80247.

Genevieve Vadeboncouer was in a car accident and broke her neck. She is in a rehab facility. Cards for her may be sent to her home, 2701 Smallwood Drive, Knoxville, TN. 37920. She is a member of the Lt. Alexander Bonny man Unit in TN.

Pauline Roberts wishes to thank all members for the thoughts and prayers and cards during the past two years that her family has had some serious health issues. Pauline is from the Susquehanna Valley Unit in PA.

Springfield Missouri Unit member, Sue Hornbeck lost her God Daughter in the terrible Black Hawk helicopter accident over Hawaii earlier this summer. Kathryn Bailey, age, 26 has been listing as missing. As you can imagine this has been a terrible shock for the entire family. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Sue Hornbeck, 1516 E Washita St. Springfield, MO 65804.

Elaine Schieffer wishes to thank all for your cards and concern following the passing of her brother.

Continued prayers for Karen Bressler as she has more surgeries and deals with her pain. Cards may be sent to 6500 SO Dayton Street. Apt F107, Centennial, CO. 80111.

MIRACLES CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY CORNER IF WE HAVE THE GRATEFUL EYE TO SEE THEM. WHEN WE LIVE IN A STATE OF GRATITUDE, WE ARE REWARDED WITH MORE AND MORE THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, SUBMITTED BY
PNP BARBARA NOBILE
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



TO: National Commandant Richard Gore

FROM: National President Karen Aune

Sir Commandant:

Following is a brief outline of the activities of the various committees for the year 2016 – 2017.

Youth Activities & Child Welfare – 12,727 volunteers gave 221,254 hours, traveled 137,870 miles, donating \$84,348 for a total value of \$103,650.

Americanism – 68 units represented by 18 departments – total of 304,950 volunteers worked 4,914,510 hours, traveled 415,146 miles and donated \$111,128 for a total value of \$169,249.

VAVS – 2,560 volunteers accumulated 9,231 hours, traveled 56,638 miles and donated \$52,783 for a total value of \$60,713.

Civics – 18 departments comprised of 63 units with 19,127 volunteers working 73,106 hours, traveled 162,102 miles and donated \$251,604 for a total value of \$274,298.

Rehabilitation – 12,491 volunteers accumulated 67,152 hours with total donations of \$492,611, traveled 83,672 miles and a total value of \$504,325.

Total Volunteers - 351,855 Total Hours – 5,285,253

Total Miles – 855,428 Total Donations - \$992,474

TOTAL VALUE - \$1,112,235

As statistics show, our auxiliary membership has been busy serving the needs of veterans and communities. Sir Commandant, it has been a pleasure to work with you this past year.

Semper Fidelis August 2017



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