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**Deadline for ALL
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From the Desk of the National President

Members of the Auxiliary

National Convention has come and gone and I can tell you that it was a HUGE SUCCESS! We accomplished all of our business and had time for a little fun as well and, I was fortunate enough to be re-elected as your National President for another term.



I want to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the members of the General Larry Oppenheimer MCL Detachment and M/Sgt Luis Romero Jr. MCLA Unit for the excellent hospitality as well as for their generosity. It was a very memorable week.

During this coming months, I would like for us to focus on what we can do to increase and retain our membership. I know this is something we are always working on, but we have so much to offer and we could do so much more. If each member recruited just one (1) new member, we would double our size. And that is a very realistic goal. Retaining membership can be accomplished by giving members a reason to attend meetings and help with our work, making them feel needed and appreciated. Remember, this organization starts with YOU! We are all equal partners in the goals we strive to accomplish. No one more important than another and we all have something of value to offer.

Please remember to get those dues paid and the transmittals off to the national secretary as soon as possible. Let's see if we can get 100% across the board by December 1, 2017. That is one (1) day after the 90 day cutoff for remaining a member in good standing.

As we move into the fall season and the leaves begin to turn and the air becomes a little crisper, I hope that each of you have an opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. Never pass up a chance to do this. These moments are fleeting and can never be regained.

Thank you for all that you do every day to support each other, the MCL, the USMC, Veterans and their families and our communities. Each of you are an integral part of the Auxiliary and you do make a difference!

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

Note:

Bylaw and Administrative Proposals that were presented at convention, we will let you know via our website (www.nationalmcla.org) and/or our facebook page of which ones passed and which ones failed.



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

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,

What a wonderful National Convention we had with several first-time attendees in our midst. It was so nice to see old friends and meet new ones.

On Tuesday morning of convention week, I conducted the Presidents Council meeting. Thank you to those who attended the early session. I would like to thank Elaine Schieffer who served as secretary for the meeting. A lot of good information was shared regarding recruiting new members, volunteer opportunities and means of supporting them. Hopefully, someone from your unit or department attended and will share these ideas with you. They will also be posted on the MCLA website.

Elaine also presented her "Storytime with Betsy Ross" program that she conducts at schools, museums and libraries. What a great idea for connecting with the community and gaining new members. Along with flag history, she demonstrated how to make a perfect five-point star with "one snip of the scissors."

Remember to always wear your MCLA logo polo shirt or Toys for Tots clothing when you are out in public and carry an application and "What is the MCLA brochure" with you. Kathy Hoffman from Landis-McCleef unit in Pennsylvania did just that during the past year and was honored as our National Recruiter, having brought in sixteen new members. Congratulations, Kathy!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies,

It was great fun seeing all who could come to Overland Park. We had an excellent successful convention. I first would like to thank you for the support and electing me to my second year. I look forward with enthusiasm to serving our auxiliary membership. Our membership has been busy recruiting new members as reported at convention. Congratulations again to Kathy Hoffman for recruiting 16 new members. We could all learn from this young lady. Second place tie was Patricia Walker and Joann Watts both recruiting 6 new members. 243 new members were recruited this past year. 128 applications were not signed by the recruiter. Please remember to sign those applications and date of acceptance by the unit. This will certainly help the wonderful secretary we have at Headquarters, the Division Vice and your National Jr Vice. The donation to a charity of choice as promised for recruiting goes to Landis McCleef Unit, PA. Just around the corner is 9/11, please keep our first responders and our service men and women in our prayers.

Semper Fidelis



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Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate

GIRL SCOUTS

Our auxiliary Girl Scout Good Citizenship award is recognition for those Girl Scouts that have earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

The attractive certificate that we have designed has our emblem on it and the Girl Scout logo. Our National Auxiliary has been given the permission from the Girl Scout National Organization to publish their logo on our award with the provision that Units and Departments purchase the certificates from our National Office. The award has printed on it our auxiliary emblem, so it is not an award that should be given by a detachment.

The following list is from the reports sent to me about who gave out our Good Citizenship Award.

STATE	NO. OF AWARDS	DEPTS. OR UNITS
Arkansas	191	River Valley Claude Rogers Unit
Colorado (new)	29	Frank J. Carroll Unit Rocky MTN Diamond Unit Windsor Marines Unit
Connecticut	72	Dept. of Connecticut
Florida	96	Dept. of Florida
Illinois	5 8	Sauk Valley Unit West Central IL Leathern Unit
Iowa	4	Larry Nehring Unit
Missouri	63 49	Dept. of MO So. St. Louis Unit
Minnesota	54	Forrest G James Unit
New Jersey	144	West Hudson MCLA
North Carolina	1	Unit 262
North Carolina	4	Greater Greensboro Detachment

Pennsylvania 47

P.W. Milano Unit

Tennessee

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Utah

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A BIG THANK YOU to all of the above that recognized the Girl Scout Gold Awardees in their area.

For all of our other states that have not done the award, please consider doing the award for the girls in your Girl Scout Council in your area next year. I would be glad to help you contact the council near where you are located. You can reach me at my email: carolelyston@gmail.com.
Carole Lyston, Girl Scout Chairman

From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

It's a new beginning to a new year. It's time to reboot, restart and refresh!

The 2017 National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas is now behind us and I would like to congratulate all of our newly elected National Officers. I know they will have the support and cooperation of all of us to make this a successful and productive year.

As stated in our last Newsletter, every Unit and Department should be operating on the same fiscal year. The fiscal year for the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary is for the period of July 1st to June 30th. Also, your 990-N filing is due every year by November 15th. (The 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the fiscal year). Don't forget to keep a copy of the email acceptance receipt that you receive from the IRS for your Unit and send copies to your Department Treasurer, Division Vice President and National Headquarters.

Please remember that dues are due August 31st of each year and should not be sent into Headquarters until after the National Convention. Treasurers please forward all dues immediately to your Departments and Department Treasurers please send dues as soon as possible to National Headquarters.

Let us all strive and work together to help and assist those around us to reach new goals and move our organization forward. Let us start the year with a positive attitude and remove all negativity. In quoting one of our Marine slogans, we need to "Adapt, Improvise and Overcome"! We all need to be more accountable to our leadership and our leadership needs to be held accountable to the members. With the help, support, and cooperation of each of us we can accomplish great things in the year ahead.

Semper Fidelis,

Judy Blackmer



SEPTEMBER 2017 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



MARJORIE GIBSON * 8-17-2017 Dept. of Colorado. Condolences to husband, Garry Gibson, 6475 Burrows Road, Black Forrest, CO. 80908.

HELEN COOK * 7-20-2017 Smedely D Butler Unit, PA. Condolences to: Husband John Cook, 300 Earlington, Rd. Havertown, PA. 19083.

North Shore Queens Member, Joan Della badia, lost her father, Past Chief Devil Dog, Edwin Gallagher. She lost her beloved mother in January. Please keep Joan and her family in your prayers. Cards of condolence may be sent to: 3 Garden Street, Bayville, NY. 11709.

Diane Rewards, Melvin M Smith unit member from Washington State, lost her husband Patrick in May. Cards of condolence: 12508 E Desmet, Spokane, WA. 99216. New England Division VP, Elaine Scheiffer, lost her brother while attending the National Convention. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 133 Cook Road, Prospect, CT. 06712.

Judy Horensky was not able to be at National Convention this August in her chair as National Mideast Division VP. Her husband has been in ill health since February and heeds her at home to care for him. Both she and her husband could use our love and prayers and cards of cheer. 430 Winterberry Drive, Middletown, Delaware. 19709.

Sue Cummings, Landis McCleaf Unit in PA has a 30-year-old daughter who suffered a stroke. Cards of encouragement for this family go to: 69 McIlvaine Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Pat Gettings, PDP from the Dept. of Tennessee is home recovering from knee surgery. Cards go to her at: 1601 Brentwood Dr., Greenville, Tn. 37743.

PDP Debbie Schenck, from the Dept. of NY had knee surgery. 41 Old Pine Road, Rochester, NY. 14615.

North Shore Queens President Diane Lawton was hospitalized with pneumonia. 213 Jerome Ave. Minoela, NY

PNP Marilyn Loeven had surgery for a shoulder replacement after a nasty fall in her home. She enjoys your cards and thanks you for those and the emails and cards. She will have therapy for a bit. Cards may go to her at: 3556 Raven Street, Levittown, NY. 11756.

PNP CINDY Marshall had rotator cuff surgery and is doing well with therapy and has gone back to work, even though her arm was in a sling. She thanks all for the kind words and cards. Continued support could be sent to: 83 Devonne Drive, Fredericksburg, VA. 22407

Darcy Anderson from the Rocky Mt. Division is awaiting a liver. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 2915 South Hwy. 89, Wellsville, Utah. 84339. Jennifer Krueger Rivera, daughter of Rocky Mt. Division VP, Debbie Krueger, had a heart attack, with blockage on her left side, where two stents were placed. Cards for her, 11824 Gray Court, Westminster, CO. 80020.

Clem Cardow, Valley Unit in Ct. had back surgery and was in a rehab for a few weeks. Cards of cheer for her: 25 Cook Lane, Beacon Falls, Ct. 06403.

PNP Shirley Keyes is in need of our prayers following a shoulder surgery. She had knee cap replacements and needed to wait for those to heal before she could get shoulder tended to. Her address for greetings is 2541 Villanova Court, Vienna, VA. 22180-6952

The MCLA membership signed over 30 cards at the National Convention to be mailed to members who needed our thoughts and prayers. I am sure there are many more that need our prayers and we send those powerful prayers out to them.

WHEN LIFE'S WINDS TOSS ME UPON THE WAVES OF UNCERTAINTY AND DOUBT, WHEN THE TEMPEST BEATS ME UPON THE ROCKS OF GUILT AND SELF PITY, WHEN MY PITIFUL HEART YEARNS FOR LOVE I CANNOT FIND, WHEN THE DARKNESS SEEMS DARKER AND THE NIGHT LONGER, SOME UNSEEN HAND REACHES DOWN AND WITH A STRENGTH AND TENDERNESS I CANNOT COMPREHEND, PULLS ME BACK INTO THE LIGHT.

THROUGH STRIFE OR STORM OR DARKEST NIGHT, MY ANGEL IS THERE TO SHOW ME GOD'S LIGHT.

I WOULD ASK THAT YOU KEEP ALL OUR NATIONAL OFFICERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS AS THEY GO ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF OUR AUXILIARY. ESPECIALLY KEEP OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT IN YOUR THOUGHTS.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT, SUBMITTED BY PNP BARBARA NOBILE

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



Big Announcement from Headquarters:

Our email address now matches our domain name from our website. In the hopes of simplifying – we have updated National Board and Division VP emails too. All of the new addresses are below, please use these from now forward.

MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org - main office email

MCLAinfo@nationalmcla.org generic informational email – will be placed on Facebook and possibly our website.

CentralDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
MideastDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
MidwestDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
NewEnglandDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
NortheastDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
NorthwestDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
RockyMountainDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
SoutheastDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
SouthwestDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org
SouthernDivisionVP@nationalmcla.org

NationalPres@nationalmcla.org
NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org
NationalJrVP@nationalmcla.org
NationalJA@nationalmcla.org

Please help spread the word!

The Ship's Store has returned to Headquarters! Sales at National Convention were wonderful – I hope everyone enjoyed the new items and will be showing them off to their units! You may send your orders through email or US mail.

Life Member checks should be sent out within the month. Proceedings and By-Law changes should be sent out hopefully by mid- October.

I have a favor to ask of the Treasurer's – when sending in the Transmittals if you are making copies, it is easier for me if you send the Transmittals in sets (a set for HQ, Unit, Division, Department) not grouped in pages. This would save me time and energy of reorganizing pages once I sign everything – thanks for your help!

Blessings,
Karen G
National Secretary

From the desk of PDP Lynn Harkness

I had the privilege of attending the National Marine Corps League Convention in Overland, Kansas. Debbie Evens and Dee Kirk from our new Unit in Newark Ohio also attended. On Friday we were called on stage for them to receive their charter. It was presented by Central Division Vice Judy Blackmer and National President Karen Aune. As you can see in the picture they were excited to finally receive their charter.



August 23 I had the privilege of installing the officers of Land of Legends. Then the officers initiated the rest of the unit. At last count they have 22 members and still recruiting. The ladies had sandwiches, cookies and punch that were shared with the detachment also to celebrate their charter.

On the flip side of this, 5 or six of the ladies that formed the Land of Legends were originally in the Pvt Kalinowski Unit in Ashtabula. Their leaving was going to cause a hard ship for the Kalinowski Unit. President Maxine McMurray however advertised in the local paper and challenged her



Ladies to recruit. I am proud to say they have surpassed that number of ladies they needed to keep their charter and are near 20 members strong. Congratulate both ladies on a job well done. Thank you ladies for the last two years as your Department President it was a pleasure serving you.

Lynn Harkness PDP of Ohio



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