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From the Desk of the National President

I'm getting very excited! National Convention is just a few days away and I can't wait to visit with everyone! I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and all the fun that comes with warmer weather.



There will be lots going on at convention, so please be sure to review the agenda that will be available. I know the Dept. of New York has worked very hard to make it a huge success.

If you haven't yet, be sure to review the proposed Bylaw changes that have been added to the national website and will be voted on Thursday afternoon, August 16, 2018. Please come prepared. For those Unit members who will not be able to attend, please be sure that your delegate is aware of your wishes concerning each item. There will also be several proposed Form and Administrative Procedure changes.

Remember, if you want to help the organization move forward and grow, it is very simple. Recruit new members, renew members and continue your great works.

At the end of July I was very honored to be the installing officer for the Onslow County Unit in Jacksonville, NC. A fantastic group of very busy ladies.

There are several new items for the ships store, I am hoping you will like them! Don't forget to bring your supply orders to convention and save the shipping charges or send it with someone who will be attending, they may be willing to pick up the items for you.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and talents to assist those in need or distress. YOU are what makes this nation so great!

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,



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.

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps League:
www.mclnational.org/

I have been preaching, mostly to the choir, that every Auxiliary member should recruit at least one new member this year. I am pleased to report that I initiated my new recruit, Carrie Tucker, at our June unit meeting. Carrie was an easy one...she asked to join! Her husband, Ralph, is a very active Charter and Life Member of our local detachment. Carrie planned to join a long time ago, but something always interfered with her plans. Anyway, welcome, Carrie...we are so glad you are finally an auxiliary sister, too!

In a few short weeks, many of us will be shuffling off to Buffalo for our National Convention. If you have seen the convention schedule posted on the Marine Corps League website, please note an important change: the Department Presidents Council meeting will be held at noon on Monday of convention week in our MCLA meeting room. This will allow everyone an extra hour of sleep on Tuesday morning.

At the Midwinter Conference held in March, my agenda for the council meeting had included fundraising ideas in addition to recruiting and retaining members. We ran short of time; therefore, this session will be a continuation of my previously planned discussion of fund-raising ideas. I'm sure many of you have some unique and interesting tried and true means of financially supporting our Marine families and your communities. If enough time remains, we will also share some of our most successful charitable endeavors. Please plan to attend and share your ideas with everyone. Feel free to bring your lunch with you.

I look forward to seeing everyone. Don't forget to bring your passports!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

Time is short, the convention is just around the corner, my list for packing is ready, my reports are almost finished, my air plane tickets and shuttle are arranged. Are you ready? I look forward to seeing you in Buffalo, New York.

It is exciting to view the numbers for new recruits. I certainly hope more of you signed the recruiter line this year than last year, thereby taking credit for your efforts.

Membership dues need to be paid before September 1st. A simple dues notice will help remind members.

This is an opportunity to reach out to all members (including life members) to update addresses, emails & phone numbers and to inform those who have not attended in a while about upcoming events. It is important to make sure we have the correct mailing address, emails & phone numbers.

Maybe a member appreciation tea, luncheon or fashion show to benefit one of our super purposes is in order.

Do you have a calling committee to contact members for special events? Do your members use email? An email saves money & only takes a few minutes to send. However, we still need to reach out to the members who do not use email. Contact with the member is important and it does not matter what method you use just get it done.



**Headquarters Office
Now Open:**

**Monday - Thursday
9am - 3pm
Closed on Friday**

The web site has the proposed changes to our National Bylaws, please keep an open mind and be prepared to give your valued opinion and vote at the convention.

I choose to be encouraged by all the things our units accomplish each year. May we find the solutions to keeping current members & recruit new ladies to our ranks.

Thank you for all you do!

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

“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:

Welcome to Summer (finally):

When I was initiated into the Marine Corps League Auxiliary 18 years ago, I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be writing my final newsletter article as your National Judge Advocate. Heck – when I was initiated, I didn’t know anything about a Department, let alone National. That initiation was just the beginning of a wonderful journey and the start of many new chapters in my Book of Life. I have met many wonderful women during this journey, many of whom have become my mentors on this incredible, challenging journey.

When I was elected to the position of National Judge Advocate last August, I was not sure I was up to the challenges before me. However, by using the bylaws as my guide and having many thoughtful discussions with God, I feel I was able to meet the challenge and serve the Auxiliary to the best of my ability. I guess you could sum it all up with a quote from President Abraham Lincoln: “You can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can never please all of the people all of the time.” No matter what decision one makes, on any level (unit, department or national), in any position, someone is going to be unhappy.

I am honored that you, my auxiliary sisters, have given me the privilege of serving as your National Judge Advocate during this past year, and I hope you feel I have lived up to the challenges that were presented to me. I am hoping to open a new chapter in my Auxiliary journey at the National Convention, where I will be seeking the nomination as your National Junior Vice President.

I wish everyone who will be “Shuffling off to Buffalo” a safe journey, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention.

Until next time.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Judge Advocate

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout Gold Award is an activity that helps the community and what activity the Girl Scout starts should be continued by others. The following information was sent to me from Linda Blair who is a member of the River Valley Claude Rogers Unit in Fort Smith Arkansas. The interesting information was in an article in the Woman’s Day magazine of Nov. 2017, written by Amy Dee Stephens.

A teen musician, Katie Prior, learned that there aren’t enough military buglers to attend every funeral, and that it is common to hear audio recording music played for taps.

She contacted a funeral home and volunteered to play taps. “My first funeral was for a homeless veteran with no family, it was a life-changing experience and I wanted to get my trumpet-playing friends involved.”

Katie organized 10 student friends to learn to play taps to honor deceased veterans. This helped her plan her Gold Award project to develop the Youth Trumpet and Taps Corp, an organization which has now recruited 120 teens in 30 states to voluntarily play taps.

The volunteers to play do Katie’s specialized musical training either live or on line. The student’s band director then certifies that the bugler can play taps correctly from memory. Students have been allowed to leave school to play at a funeral.

“Katie thinks it is important for older people, especially veterans, to see that my generation does care. At funerals, we get to hear stories about amazing people from the older generations who fought for our country.”

Katie, a principal trumpet for the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, hopes to continue recruiting volunteers to do this valuable service for military families. As of the article in the magazine she had done 20 funerals. To learn more visit **trumpetandtaps.org**.

I was impressed with this information and wanted to share it with you ladies. I will share another interesting Gold Award story at national convention and in paper next month. Also will list all the states/units that have sent in their reports about giving their Good Citizenship Awards next month to Girl Scouts.

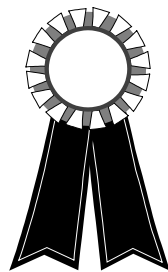
Carole Lyston, Girl Scout Chairman

Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

**Michael Curtin Unit MCLA
Zephyrhills, Florida**



Michael Curtin Unit delivered 47 handmade lap robes to the Baldomero Lopez State Veteran's Home in Land O'Lakes, Florida. The Auxiliary were joined by members of the Zephyrhills Detachment with their gifts of chips & cookies. Right to left Evelyn Joppa -VAVS Rep, Katie Shaw -Unit President, Gloria- Candales Charter member (Gloria Made the Lap robes) Johanna Snee -Activity Director, Marine Glen Shaw & Marine Bob Candales. Greeted several Veterans, there smiles were great.



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Central Division Conference

April 2018
Lansing, MI

It was our pleasure as the Central Division Marine Corps League Auxiliary to assist Haven House as our "Operation Little Angel" project. We are

grateful that they came and explained the type of help that Haven House offers to their clients. It is impressive that they continue to assist the clients once they are out on their own. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to be a help to Haven House and make a difference. In addition to the many donations, we were able to give them \$400 in cash and gift cards!

Back Row: Sandy VanTol, Loretta See, Theresa Clark, Judy Blackmer, Renee McGuan, Pat Buckley, Virginia Johnson, Peggy Tuohy. Front Row: Ann LeClair, Mary Brief, Elizabeth LaPouttre



August 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



JEANNE D. GIESLER 6/22/2018 SO.ST LOUIS UNIT. CONDOLENCES TO
SISTER, Jo Ann Hermann, 9769 Jomel Dr. St.Louis, Mo. 63123.

NANCY RUFFNER 6/22/2018 ROCK FALLS, IL. CONDOLCENCES TO: SON,
MIKE RUFFNER, 40557 N.MINENA ST. ANTIOCH, IL. 60002.

KATIE GRANBERRY 6/28/2018 FLINT UNIT, MICHIGAN CONDOLENCES
TO: GEORGE GRANBERRY, 6914 PARKBELT DRIVE, FLINT, and MI. 48420.

LIFE MEMBERS BARBARA RING AND ADELE SAXTON, BOTH FROM THE NOW
DEFUNCT CHARLOTTE UNIT IN FLORIDA HAVE PASSED. NO DATE OF DEATH
KNOWN.

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***TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVED ME, WHILE I AM GONE RELEASE ME,
LET ME GO. I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SEE AND DO. YOU MUST NOT TIE
YOURSELF TO ME WITH TEARS. BE HAPPY THAT WE HAD SO MANY BEAUTIFUL
YEARS. BLESS THE MEMORIES WITHIN YOUR HEART. I WILL NOT BE FAR AWAY,
FOR LIFE GOES ON. SO IF YOU NEED ME, CALL AND I WILL COME, THOUGH YOU
CANNOT SEE OR TOUCH ME, I WILL BE NEAR. AND IF YOU LISTEN WITH YOUR
HEART, YOU WILL HEAR AND KNOW.***

Mrs. Eileen Flynn had a kidney removed and could use our prayers. Cards of cheer
for her were to be directed to: 443 Copley Road, Upper Darby, PA. 19082.

Teresa Terry, President of the Lake of the Ozarks unit had surgery on her foot.
Cards may be sent to Teresa at: 518 Rodeo Rd. Camdenton, MO. 65020.

Dotty Sanning from the Dept of Missouri had rotator cuff surgery. Cards for her go
to: 2003 Wooded Lane Road, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

PNP Ruth Moyse had a tough time following Dept convention with the onset of
kidney stones. Sure hope all is well with her now. Cards for her could be sent to:
402 S New Ardmore Ave. Broomall, A. 19008-2840.

Congratulations were in order for Landis McCleaf Unit member, Ricki K Barner on
the birth of her daughter, Kinsley Rae. Ricki K is the god daughter of MCLA

Member, Tracey Killinger. Cards of congratulations could be sent to: 1035 S Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Congratulations also go out to Teena Foster on her marriage to Bill Foster. Teena is Past Dept of PA president and member of Landis McCleaf. Her mom, Pat Engel is a long time member of the MCLA. It was a joyous event. Cards of Congratulations may be sent to Bill and Teena Foster at: 2195 Lincoln Way, Chambersburg, PA. 17202.

Barb Diemler, Dept of Missouri member, took a nasty fall in her back yard. She disturbed an old injury and they are dealing with that as we speak .The good news was surgery was not required. Cards of encouragement for Barb go to: 206 B Rock Beacon, Jefferson City, MO. 65109.

THE FINAL ROLL CALL WAS SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FOR USE ON THE SCROLL AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE. AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION WE HAD 41 MEMBERS WHO HAD PASSED AWAY.

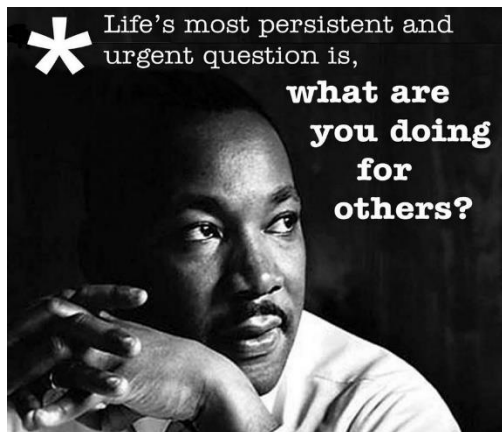
I wish to thank all members and chaplains for their diligence in getting me the death notices in a timely fashion. I do receive thank you notes from families and members who praise you for your cards, thoughts, prayers and concern. IT DOES MATTER. Thank all of you for your help in letting our members know we care for them, even if we do not know them personally.

Safe Travels to all who are heading off to Buffalo for National convection. I wish all officers and members a successful week.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, PNP BARBARA NOBILE, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

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See You in Buffalo, NY for 2018 National Convention

Article Submissions: The Deadline for all articles is the 15th of each month, without exception and is strictly upheld. All articles will be subject to both appropriateness and to space available, and should be of interest to all Members not just one individual or Unit/Department. Email your articles to Meg Krebs at MCLA-Newsletters@msn.com in a Microsoft Word formatted document.

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