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From the Desk of the National President

Welcome to February! It has been bitterly cold over most of the nation these last few weeks so hopefully it will begin to warm up soon, even here in Florida.

In January I was honored to be invited and attend the Dept. of Michigan Mid-Winter Conference in Frankenmuth, MI. For those who have been fortunate enough to experience the wonderful hospitality of the Dept. of Michigan MCL & MCLA, you know a great time was had by all and plenty of business was taken care of.

As we prepare for the National Mid-Winter Staff meeting, please remember that this is open to all members. It is a staff meeting and, typically, the Board of Trustees will be the ones speaking and conducting business; however, this is a perfect opportunity for members to see the national officers in action as we discuss Auxiliary business and move the organization forward. It is very informative and a great learning opportunity. This is where you can see what the responsibilities for each position are, what it is that the Auxiliary as a whole is in need of to support our strength and grow our membership. Please join us if you can.

You can find all the information for Mid-Winter on the MCL website, www.nationalmcl.org.

It will soon be time for the annual reports to be completed. Please remember to read the forms and instructions carefully to make sure you are taking credit for all that you do. But, also make sure that the information you are reporting is as accurate as possible. Last August when I delivered our numbers to the MCL membership they were quite impressed. Keep up the good work ladies. Our Marines and their families are in great hands!

Please remember our servicemen & women in your daily prayers.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.



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
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Division Conferences:

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

2018 Central Division Conference
April 5-8, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel
111 N. Grand Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48933
Direct Reservation: 1-800-333-3333
Hotel: 1-517-482-0188
or log on to:

www.radisson.com/lansingmi

Please use promotional code: MCLA18 for your discounted group rate of \$110 plus City & State tax (currently at 13%)
Check in: 4pm/Check out: 12pm (noon)
Cutoff date: March 23, 2018

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Winter recently hit Illinois with a vengeance! We have had way too much cold weather with wind chills to 20-30 below zero. I know that others have been suffering from weather-related events also with horrible fires on the west coast and huge snowfalls and severe flooding on the eastern side of the country. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be kinder to us as we enter the month of February.

It is time to be thinking about our schedule of activities at the Mid-Winter Conference to be held at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg, VA. Once again, I will be conducting the Department Presidents' Council on the morning of Friday, March 2. It will be held in our meeting room at 7:45 a.m. This is a great opportunity to glean some fresh ideas that work in various departments and take this new knowledge back to share with your own departments and units.

In addition, on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 a.m., I will be hosting a breakfast in honor of our National President, Karen Aune. As we did last year, in order to take advantage of the free breakfast coupons, we will serve our plates from the buffet in the restaurant and take them across the hall to our meeting room. This breakfast presents a chance to thank Madam President for the hard work she does on behalf of our organization as well as to visit with fellow members on a social level. I hope that you will plan to join me on both of the above occasions.

Have you thought of sending Valentines to some of your favorite veterans?

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Auxiliary Members

In just a few weeks many of us will be in Fredericksburg, VA. It will be a joy to see old friends, meet new friends and share ideas to help the Departments & Units. I am reminded often how very important our units are. They are the backbone on which we build this wonderful organization.

Our recruiting opportunities are endless, we just need to find the key that opens the door to sharing all the great things this organization has to offer. Our goal is as you have heard many times "each one recruit one". Have you personally recruited a new member this year? Have you helped your unit become visible in your community, sharing the super things the auxiliaries are doing to help our Marines, Veterans, Families & Community? Success is hard work!

At Mid-Winter we report the membership numbers as of December 31, 2017. I thank the many units who have reported their membership by sending in the transmittals by this date. These are vital to the accuracy of our count.

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We still have several applications for membership, that have not been signed by the recruiter, simply left blank. We want to give proper credit to these recruiters & the only way to do so, is to make sure the recruiter line is signed. I challenge the Jr VP & treasurer of each unit to check this line and make sure there is a current member signing as the recruiter before it is sent in with the transmittal.

I love these quotes:

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

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

Ladies I choose to be encouraged by all the great things each of our Units accomplish each year. May we find the solutions that attract more ladies to join our Auxiliary.

My door is always open, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Greetings from the Frozen State of Pennsylvania!

Last month we talked about nominating and electing officers; this month let’s complete the circle by focusing on Installation of Unit Officers (Administrative Procedure Chapter 6, Units, Section 620).

Below I have listed information from the administrative procedure mentioned above, as well as some personal comments. The President-elect:

- Will select an Installing Officer, a Captain of the Guard and a Chaplain. Remember, the Installing Officer shall be an Auxiliary Past National President, elected National President, other elected National Officer, a Past Department President, elected Department President, other elected Department Officer or a Past Unit President.
- Will select a date, time and location for the installation ceremony. This is usually the first unit meeting following nomination of officers, but could be held outside of the meeting setting.
- Will determine the dress for the installation ceremony. While the ideal would be for the installing team and those being installed to be in full dress uniform, I realize not all auxiliary members own a uniform. Therefore, proper attire should be worn. (Refer to Administrative Procedure Chapter 10, Miscellaneous, Section 1005 Respect (G) (2)).
- Will determine if only the elected officers will be installed or if all officers (elected & appointed) will be installed. Be sure the Captain of the Guard knows how the installation will be performed so she can

properly announce those being installed. Should an elected officer be unable to attend the installation ceremony, the President-elect will ask another unit member to stand in for the absent officer. The absent officer shall be installed by the Unit President at the next unit meeting prior to the roll call of officers, so she can officially take her respective position.

- Should have the Installation of Officers Report form (Enclosure #6) completed for the installing officer prior to the beginning of the installation ceremony. Remember, all applicable information must be filled in, especially the EIN number and last filing date, and the INC number. If not filled out in the proper manner, the unit will be declared in default, not in good standing, and the installation cannot take place. Also, for those unit presidents who are being installed for a second term, remember you are not only the President-elect, but also the Retiring President and must sign the form as such. It shall be the responsibility of the Installing Officer to sign, date and forward the original installation form immediately after installation to National Headquarters, with copies to the National Division Vice President, Department Secretary, Unit Secretary, and retaining one copy for herself.

Ladies, I know all units install their officers differently, but each installation should follow the Installation Ceremony for National, State And Unit Officers as found in our Ritual and Administrative Procedure Chapter 6, Units, Section 620 Installation of Unit Officers.

For the March and April newsletters, I would like for members to email me at nationalJA@nationalmcla.org with any questions you have regarding a specific bylaw or administrative procedures. Your questions will be published in the newsletter and shared with the membership as a learning tool.

Until next month, keep warm and remember — only 10 weeks ‘til Spring!

Semper Fidelis

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President

Greetings to all members of the Auxiliary,

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season with family and friends. I am looking forward to the coming year and hoping to see representation from each department at this years' Central Division Conference in Lansing Michigan at the Radisson Hotel, April 5-8, 2018.

As you know the Division Conference is held each year for the benefit of each state in the division. All Department and Unit Presidents and members of the auxiliary are invited. Department Presidents, this is your Conference, please try to attend and bring or send a report on your units and your department stating what they have done or what they are going to do in the coming year. This is not a personal report but a report covering activities of the units in your

state. (If the Department President is unable to attend please try to send a representative in your place.)

The Division Conference is also the perfect time to bring up any concerns or questions you would like discussed, please let me know prior to the conference so I can make arrangements to have a class or discussion on the subject. The Agenda will be similar to previous years: Friday, April 6th – Meet and Greet followed by Workshops and some fun activities, Saturday - April 7th Regular Business Session. In order for your Division Vice Presidents to better serve you, we need to know your feelings on matters of importance so please make every effort to attend.

Our success relies on the dedication of each of our members and the Division Conference is a way for us to reach out to everyone, share ideas and keep you updated on what's going on at National Headquarters.

Wishing everyone a prosperous and productive year ahead and asking God to continue to bless our troops and protect them as they protect us.

Semper Fidelis,

Judy Blackmer

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NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FEBRUARY 2018 NOTES



GWEN FUMAS Joseph A. Bray Unit, Terra Haute, IN. No date of death.

NANCY SCHWENDEMAN Alton Leathernecks, IL. * 11/16/2017

Condolences to: Paul Schwendeman, 427 Oak Street, East Alton, IL.

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Two members of the Larry Nehring Unit in Des Moines, Iowa were in need of our prayers this past month. Betty Gustafson has some heart issues and other health concerns and needs our prayers. Cards of cheer may go to her at: 3139 Cumming Road, Cumming, IA. 50061. The other member is Alice Montis who has gone to visit and stay with her son in Florida for the winter, only to develop Diverticulitis. Cards of care for her: 3104 Bennett St. N. St Petersburg, Fl. 33713-2605.

	Janet Anders from the Cape Girardeau Unit in Missouri had a baby. Past National President Marilyn Loeven and her husband, Past National Commandant, Lew Loeven, had a very, very rough Holiday season with severe illness and some nasty falls. Cards of encouragement for both go to: 3556 Raven Street. Levittown, NY. 11756-5016. Libby Knapp, from the Dept. of PA has some heart related issues. Libby is the sister of PA member Twila Gensel. Cards of care and concern for Libby's continued good health may be sent to her at: 1006 Ash Street, Danville, PA. 17821. Two MCLA members from the Northeast Division needed our prayers. Vickie Brown lost her father in January. Condolences may be sent to: 2703 E. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA. 99202-4177. Vickie is the Assistant Division VP for the Northeast. Anne Denman lost her mother in law on Jan. 4th, 2018. Cards may be sent to her at: 511 S. Sullivan Road, Apt. 232, Spokane, WA. 99037- 8815. Both ladies are from the Melvin M. Smith Unit, Dept. of Washington. Lynda Hartwick, Lake Ozark Unit, mourns the sudden passing of her brother. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 34 Bluff Ridge Dr. #1, Lake Ozark, MO. 65049. Debbie Allen from the Mason O. Yarbrough unit in Missouri lost her husband unexpectedly on Dec. 30th, 2017. Condolences go to her at: 1928 Perryville, Rd. Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. LOVE 24/7 THEREFORE, I TELL YOU, HER SINS WHICH WERE MANY, HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN: HENCE SHE HAS SHOWN GREAT LOVE. BUT THE ONE TO WHOM LITTLE IS FORGIVEN, LOVES LITTLE. Luke 7:47 GOD, bless the unknown angels who clear the cluttered paths of the lost, who wipe the tears of the grieving, and who hold the hands that tremble in fear. Their names may be known only to you, but their acts of mercy give me the assurance that your love touches everyone, everywhere. AMEN. NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
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