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From the Desk of the National President

Happy New Year!

Here we are again, ready to make new resolutions and take on new challenges. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday, whatever your choice to celebrate.

In last month's newsletter I presented a challenge to each Unit and Department to have an open and meaningful conversation with your MCL counterparts. I am sure that you will find it to be extremely beneficial, to all parties.

At the last National Convention, the membership voted to allow By-law changes on a yearly basis rather than every three years. As a reminder, any submissions should be for the benefit of all the members and not personal preference. Please don't take this as a discouragement to submitting a proposed change, but rather to reinforce that when we make suggestions or changes within the organization, we must consider the effects to all parties. I know you ladies have some wonderful ideas and they are all very welcome!

The Mid-Winter Staff Meeting will be held in Fredericksburg VA again this year at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House, March 1-3. You can find all the information on the MCL website at www.mclnational.org. Please don't let the 'staff meeting' part dissuade you from attending. Yes, this is a meeting of the Board of Trustees, however, it is the perfect forum for a member to learn what happens at all levels of the organization.

I want to thank each of you for your dedication to our Marines, their families and your community. As well as to the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. The things that we accomplish are a direct result of this dedication and loyalty, giving selflessly and putting others needs before anything else.

God Bless you all and I look forward to seeing you all in Fredericksburg, VA in March.

Semper Fi,

Karen Aune

National President





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.

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

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www.nationalmoddfleas.org

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www.mclnational.org/

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,

Happy New Year! I wish all of you a healthy, enjoyable, and productive 2018! I also hope that all of you will continue to support the Marine Corps League Auxiliary through your participation at unit, department, and national meetings, patriotic events, and fund raising activities. Please make a sincere effort to recruit at least one new member this year.

Our local Toys for Tots program was a success, thanks to the combined efforts of detachment and unit members. This year we gave toys out to parents of approximately 1,000 children. We endeavored to make Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate. I believe we did and hope that you did also.

This coming weekend, my unit and our local detachment will travel to Quincy, IL to host a Christmas party for the Marine residents at the Illinois Veterans' Home. We will provide cookies and gift bags for each Marine, and we always include a Marine cap with their gifts. That is the first thing they look for in their gift bags, and most put them on immediately! This is an annual event that we really look forward to. We sing Carols and play a Marine Trivia game which is very popular among the residents. It is a once a year activity where Marines can sit and visit with each other and share "war stories."

I am proud to say that my unit donated \$500 to the local VFW and American Legion posts at our December meeting. The local detachment gave \$2500 to each organization. Our meetings are held at the VFW at no cost to us and, for years, the American Legion has opened up their banquet hall for our Toys for Tots program free of charge. This was a way to show our appreciation for the other local veterans' organizations.

Until next time, keep our Marines and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Happy New Year!

The bright lights & of Christmas joy are now treasured memories, 2018 is here! We have had an outstanding year and I am sure the new year will prove to be even better, with all the things each of you do every day.

I am hoping you have had the opportunity to share the wonderful things our auxiliaries do to help our Marines, veterans & community. When sharing please don't forget to ask prospects to join, sometimes that is all you need to

do. Remember our moto; each one recruit one. I challenge each of you to recruit at least one new member this year.

I look forward to sharing the results of the memberships efforts to retain and recruit members at Mid -Winter and seeing all the smiling familiar faces.

If your unit has had success increasing your membership, please share what is working for you! Our programs of pride are good ways to share. If I can be of any assistance in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish for you a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year!

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National Jr. Vice President

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

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Welcome to 2018 and the start of a new year!

As the new year begins, let’s take a look at Article 5 Units from our National Bylaws, specifically Section 530 Election, Installation of Officers, which stipulates “Each unit shall hold an ANNUAL ELECTION of officers after 1 September and no later than 15 May.” However, we all know you cannot have an election of officers without first having nominations for those officers.

Below are some suggestions that may assist your unit in the nomination process:

- Does your unit have the specific responsibilities of each elected and appointed officer written out? If not, now would be a good time to ask your elected and appointed officers to do a bullet point list of their duties.
- Prior to the beginning of the nomination process, have each elected and appointed officer read her duties. Remember, for some members this could be their first time participating in the process, and they may not know exactly what each officer does. For others, it can be a friendly reminder.
- If you are nominated, do not accept the position if you are not prepared to fulfill the obligations of the office.
- If no one is nominated for an office, do not volunteer to take the position just to fill the office. Remember, most units hold nominations twice before the election of officers.

I hope you have found these suggestions helpful, and remember – whether your unit’s nominating process is from the floor or by nominating committee, consider it an honor to know that the members of your unit believe you can loyally and faithfully serve the office for which you were nominated.

Until next month.

Semper Fidelis

Linda Chamberlain

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Girl Scout Chairman

Hello ladies,

It is time for you to consider contacting a Girl Scout Council near you to give the Girl Scouts receiving the Gold Award our Good Citizenship Award.

The Gold Award for Girl Scouts is the highest award Scouts can earn. It is a commitment for the girls usually for about 3 years to complete the requirements for their award.

Our National Auxiliary started this Good Citizenship award for girls many years ago. The Good Citizenship award has our auxiliary emblem on it. So the award is supposed to be given by an auxiliary, not by a detachment. The problem is that some states do not have auxiliaries, so detachments have picked up the slack of no auxiliary. That is a NO, NO. So if you live next to a state that does not have an auxiliary please consider contacting the Girl Scout Council in that state and do the awards for those girls.

For example, I live in Missouri and we have 3 councils. We do the awards for all those girls. However, I only attend the council in St. Louis, where I live, award’s night. In Dexter MO where a Girl Scout Council is located the girls live too far from their council, so many girls receive their award at a school or church award ceremony near where they live. No way can I attend any of those awards. The same goes for the Kansas City MO, no auxiliary near that Girl Scout Council, so I just print up the awards and congratulation letter and send to the council. The point is that the Girl Scouts are still being recognized for their efforts in earning their award from our National Auxiliary.

You contact the Girl Scout Council near you for their list of awardees. Councils are listed on the internet. You tell them about our award and that you would like a list of the girls who are to receive the award. Most council’s have a list in Feb. or by March of whom is earning the award.

The certificates are purchased from our National Auxiliary Office.

The award has a place for you to put the girl’s name. I used to just hand print the name. Now print the names on the computer, either way is alright. Along with the award it is suggested you send a congratulation’s letter to the girl, telling her you are proud of her accomplishments. I have examples of letters that I can send you, either by email or snail mail, just contact me

When Girl Scouts do their projects to earn their award they change the world. They must do something never done before and it has to be continued after they start it. To attend a ceremony and hear and see pictures of what they do to earn their award is breath taking.

Please contact me with any questions. Email is: carolelyston@gmail.com, or 314-892-5945, or 5813 Oak Branch Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Carole Lyston, National Girl Scout Rep.



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN JANUARY 2018 NOTES

THOSE MEMBERS WE LOST:

- 12/14/2017 Genevieve Vadeboncoeur. Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit, Knoxville, TN. Cards of condolence to: Laurie Alsup, 2701 Smallwood Drive, Knoxville, TN. 37920.
- 11/16/2017 Dolores T. Barrie L/CPL Robert W Deane Unit member, MD. Condolences to: Major Raymond L Barrie, USMC retired. 6215 Buffalo Road, Mount Airy, MD. 71771.
- 12/2017 Lanette LaRosa- Life member Lakeshore Unit, NY. Condolences to her son, Stephen LaRosa, PO Box 79, Irving, NY. 14081.
- 11/21/2017. Dorothy Robbins Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit, Knoxville, TN. Condolences to next of kin , Wayne C Robbins, 831 Marble Hill Road, Friendsville, TN. 37737.

Dept. of PA member, Shirley Beaver was in need of our prayers after the sad passing of her sister in law Patricia Hoffman on the 11th of November, 2017 and then the death of her brother Dale Hoffman on December 4th, 2017. Cards of condolence can be sent to her at: 322 Hockley Hill Road, Turbotville, PA 17772.

Our Chief Devil Dog, Leonard Spicer, had surgery on his neck due to a bad disk. We hope he has recovered well. Cards of good wishes may go to him at: 247 South Union Ave. Jackson, Mo. 63755.

Our National MCL Judge Advocate, Warren Griffin needed our prayers following surgery.

Vicki Allan, Member of the Anderson Unit in Utah, needs our prayers of encouragement. Her husband, Steve has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. Cards may be sent to her at: 285 Abbey Lane, Providence, Utah, 84332.

Karen Bressler has been having a tough time with health issues and then moved to a new home as well. Drop her card of cheer at: 7200 East Quincy Ave. #118, Denver, Colorado, 80237.

Please Keep Bryson and Wilma Allen in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through radiation and other treatments for his cancer. Your prayers are powerful medicine. I am sure cards of encouragement would be welcome. 11910 Carr Ave. Wichita, KS. 67209.

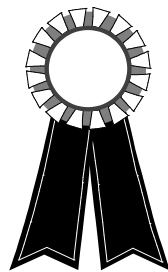
Dept of Texas President, Johnnie Lopez fell and hurt her ankle, she required surgery during the Holidays. I am sure cards of cheer would be welcome during her rehab time. Her address 1001 Hamilton St. Waco, TX. 76705-3809.

Central Missouri Unit member, Marge Mayhew lost her son, Andrew in December, Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 811 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another," let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the lord has made known to us." Seeing is believing, RIGHT? But from what is recorded of the shepherd's dialogue, it appears they ALREADY believed, they were making a beeline to Bethlehem because of their belief, NOT to establish it. What a wonderful thing it is to have faith. May we all in the New Year, have faith like the shepherds: trusting and taking positive action based on his word.

Best wishes for a wonderful start to 2018 for all those you love and our MCLA.

National Chaplain, PNP Barb Nobile



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Morris F. Dixon Unit
Clearwater
Department of Florida

Morris F Dixon Unit participated in the 5th Annual New Port Richey, OES Arts& Craft Show & the promotion of the Toys for Tots Program. Their efforts gleaned several bags of toys for Pasco Kids. The Military Vehicle Association brought several of their vehicles, which added to the fun.

They also sold crafts made by the unit. Ladies enjoyed the event.



Front Row Left to Right: Donna Lewis, Lucille Evangelista, Michelle Burgchardt Fran Cona. On the truck; Evelyn Joppa & Sandra Totz- Fry



Evelyn Joppa, Fran Cona, Donna Lewis Lucille Evangelista, Michelle Burgchardt & Sandra Totz-Fry



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