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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to you for entrusting me to serve as your National President during the coming year. It is an honor that I don't take lightly. Together, I have faith that we can continue to serve our Marines and their families and our communities well and grow our organization so that we can serve more.

What a wonderful week in Buffalo! I must first thank the Department of New York Marine Corps League, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and the local convention committee for an extremely well-run convention and for their wonderful hospitality. In addition, I wish to thank the convention representatives of Visit Buffalo, the management and staff of the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Buffalo Convention Center as well as Director of Conventions Gregory Hunt and his committee for the hard work they put in to ensure the success of the convention. Thank you also to our dedicated and caring members who attended the business sessions throughout the week. We had a very large attendance which made it even more memorable and rewarding.

Congratulations to the new Tar Heel Unit members in North Carolina. Newly elected unit president, Pamela Thomas, accepted their Charter from Madam President during the convention. Also, two new members were initiated. Congratulations to Jennifer Rowell who joined as a member of my unit, the West Central Illinois Leathernecks, and to Jeong Wakefield, a new member of the River Valley Claude-Rogers Unit in Arkansas.

I would be remiss if I neglected to thank JPNP Karen Aune who served as National President the past two years. She faithfully served with love, loyalty, compassion, and commitment. I also want to thank my Installing Team: Installing Officer PNP Ruth Moyse, Installing Captain of the Guard PNP Gerri Tuohy, and Installing Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile. PNP Moyse served as National President when I attended my first National Convention as an auxiliary member in 2006. She was, still is, and will always be an inspiration to me. As then Central Division Vice President, PNP Tuohy gave me my starter kit when I wanted to start a new unit in my hometown and followed up with many phone calls to ensure a successful outcome. I am forever grateful to her. PNP Nobile has served our spiritual needs well as National Chaplain





990n (epostcard) Filings

Please remember to file your 990n (epostcard) no later than November 15th through the IRS website.

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 Presidents: Send in the Dates of your Division Conference to be listed here.

since even before I became a member. They have all been so gracious and supportive of our members, and I look forward to their continuing mentorship.

There will soon be a PowerPoint presentation posted on our website with regard to growing our membership. Thank you to Southeast Division Vice President Carol Mazzara who developed the program and to National Senior Vice President Evelyn Joppa who updated the information. We will also be posting an updated fundraising informational sheet with ideas from many of our members. Please continue to work to retain members and recruit new ones and to raise funds that help us support our philanthropic projects. And, if you have not paid your annual dues, they are now late! We don't want to lose even one member because she forgot to submit her dues.

Thank you, Ladies, for all that you do for our veterans, their families, and your communities!

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." -- Gen. James H. Doolittle

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

Our National Convention in Buffalo was a huge success. We were blessed with several first-time attendees. It is always a plus to see old friends & meet new ones. Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers and committee chairs and members. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your National Sr Vice President during the coming year.

As your National Jr Vice President, my duties included conducting the annual Division Vice /Assistant Division Vice training during the National Convention, compiling and sharing membership information, and honoring our top recruiters with certificates and ribbons. The training included key items for success. Communication being the most important. Several members shared useful tips in the training session. A game quiz was introduced to help members become knowledgeable with all the information in our current Ritual.

A new Charter was presented at the National Convention to the Tar Heel Unit, always exciting!

We currently have 2731 members, a decrease of 273 members during this past year, which includes 43 reported deaths.

Congratulations to the Central and Southern Divisions who have seen an increase in membership this past year.

Departments that maintained or experienced an increase in membership this past year are: Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, and Texas. There were 61 units of 118, across the Nation that maintained or increased their membership this past year.

Great work Ladies! Members at Large increased by 425%.

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas
Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps
League:
www.mclnational.org/



It is exciting to inform the membership that 242 new members were recruited. 196 of the new applications had recruiters' signatures, only 52 did not! This is a vast improvement from 2017.

Thank you!

Congratulations to our 2018 Recruiters of the year, Debbie Evans, Land of Legend Unit, Department of Ohio, Central Division, twelve new members, tied with Evelyn Joppa, Morris Dixon Unit, Department of Florida, Southeast Division, twelve new members. Second Place, Karen Mastriana, Lancaster County Unit, Department of Pennsylvania, Northeast Division recruiting nine new members. Third place, Kathy Hoffman, Landis-McCleafe Unit, Department of Pennsylvania, Northeast Division, recruiting eight new members. Susan Fletcher, Joseph A Bray Unit, Department of Indiana, Central Division received a recruiting Ribbon for five new members.

We need to continue to maintain current members and recruit new members.

Will you recruit a new member this year?

I choose to be encouraged.

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn Joppa

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies:

I can't believe it's September already, although I knew it must be coming fast because school supplies and Halloween candy have been in the stores since the week after July 4th!

Thank you for electing me to the office of National Junior Vice President at the recent convention held in Buffalo, New York.

At the convention the body voted to implement a Unit Treasurer's Cover Sheet. This sheet will replace the information at the bottom of the current transmittal, thus allowing you to place 10 names on the transmittal rather than the current six. The Instructions for Transmittals have been updated to incorporate the information needed to complete the cover sheet. Submission of your transmittals will remain the same as in the past, except for units that currently submit their transmittals and check to a Department Treasurer. They will send four copies of the cover sheet with the transmittals and check, and those units in unchartered states who currently send their transmittals and check directly to National Headquarters will send three copies of the cover sheet with the transmittals and check.

As a reminder, the first transmittal you submit should be a listing of all of your regular life members, followed by your associate life members, then regular members followed by associate members. We also know not every member pays her dues by September 1st. A new cover sheet will be required each time you prepare transmittals and a check for submission to the Department Treasurer or National Headquarters. **The new cover sheet will become effective once posted on the www.nationalmcla.org web site.** Please do not hold your transmittals until the cover sheet is posted on the site.

If anyone requires help with the new form or has any questions not answered in the instructions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at NationalJRVP@nationalmcla.org.

Until next month.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Wow, what a great place for a convention, thank you, Buffalo!

Some of us took this opportunity to visit Niagra Falls and it was breathtaking from both sides. The American side was great for hiking - we walked over five miles that day. The Canadian side had great views of the falls and their gardens were beautiful. I enjoyed being able to see both sides of this natural wonder.

When attending a National Convention take the time to visit and enjoy the surrounding area on those late afternoon excursions. It is also a time to visit with new and old friends and to hear what other Units are doing. Every delegate and alternate has the opportunity to discuss the different sides of matters brought to the floor which can be confusing to newer members. I like to sit near and talk with those ladies; if they are new to the Auxiliary they may not understand that this is the business end of our fun. The decisions made at National Convention affect each and every Unit and the questions are brought forward from members all over the country.

We should listen with our ears, our hearts and our minds. Our ears bring us the words, our hearts help lead us in the best direction and our minds help us to follow our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

I used the drive back to Missouri as a contemplative time to consider how I might be able to help you love the Bylaws, too. Yes, I am probably a nerd; I enjoy opening them up and reading

them. I look forward to hearing from you if you have a question or are just seeking clarification.

We are all in this together so let us use our ears, hearts and minds to work together for the benefit of everyone. Thank you for electing me as your new Judge Advocate.

Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

From the Hide of a Devil Dog:

Greetings Fleas,

Whew! The annual week of biting, scratching and flitting around the Devil Dogs has sadly come to an end (pun intended).

The Flea Scratch was quite elegant in the Great Gatsby style to honor Madame Big Flea Donna Jean Peterson. There was quite a wide assortment of costumes from flappers to gangsters and everything in between. The entertainment portion was – well, entertaining – provided by the nits going up. Count ‘em, seven graduated to full fleadom!

Congratulations are in order for Flea of the Year Darlene MacCubbin! She has a real passion for the Fleas and the Auxiliary and it shows. Ladies, I am sure there are fleas everywhere that do outstanding work in their hides, communities and take time to pester the dogs. Please consider submitting them for the Flea of the Year award next year. More information will be posted on the MODDF website soon.

Next year we will flock together in Billings, Montana, and the Flea Scratch theme is Sports. I tore an Achilles playing volleyball and a bicep playing golf, so I just had to choose sports as my theme. In true flea form I have four more appendages to go through. Be sure to keep your beady eyes on the MODDF website for additional information which will be posted soon.

Semper Mordendi,

Dotty Sanning

Madame Big Flea

From the Desk of the NORTHEAST DIVISION Vice President

The Northeast has been busy this summer.

The Department of New Jersey Auxiliary continues to VOLUNTEER at the:

VA Hospitals

State Veterans Hospitals

Collecting/buying and donating items for the Operation Little Angel projects

Girl Scouts

Supporting the Detachment with various projects

The Department of New York Auxiliary has been busy with the regular business and preparing for the National Convention in Buffalo. The Convention is over, but the hard work of the Auxiliary was a great gift for the convention. They also

VOLUNTEER at the:

VA Hospitals

State Veterans Hospitals

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The Department of Pennsylvania Auxiliary continues to be busy with

VOLUNTEERING for the:

VA Hospitals

State Veterans Homes

Collecting/buying and donating items for the Operation Little Angel projects

Girl Scouts

Supporting the Detachment with various projects

The key word in all of this is VOLUNTEERING. This is not the only organization they volunteer:

Church/Synagogue

Schools

Community Clubs

Red Cross

YMCA OR YWCA

And various other veteran service organizations

Not one of these ladies realizes the amount of work they do or how important they are to any group or organization they belong to. And let us not forget their families. The amount of work these women do for their families is beyond measurement.

THANK YOU does not seem adequate but will have to do for all the ladies of the Northeast and throughout the Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Semper Fidelis

Sydney Minchin

Girl Scouts

Honor Care is a newly organized Girl Scout program being done for veteran ladies. The lady veteran is a former Girl Scout. She can put in her will to have a Girl Scout Honor Guard participate at her funeral. In

St. Louis, where this has started, there is on record 17 service ladies that want Honor Care services at their funeral.

The girls performing at the funeral service are 2 girls of each level in Scouting. So, 2 Daisy, 2 Brownie, 2 Junior, 2 Cadette and 2 Senior and 2 Ambassador Scouts, so a total of 12 participate in the service. The scouts are trained how to respect the funeral, to stand at attention, no moving, no smiling. This means 5-year-old Daisy and on up to teenager Senior scouts are learning to respect our veterans and their service to our country. There are 3 flags in the service: American flag, Girl Scout flag and the veteran's choice of service flag.

The girl's uniform is tan skirt or tan pants and white polo shirt and either their vest or slash, also tennis shoes that look new.

The travel to a funeral is paid for by Heroes Care. Some girls have been flown to cities to do their Honor Care service.

Girl Scouts in the following states that are presently active doing this are: Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Colorado, Alabama and Missouri. The contact person in St. Louis that started this is: Lou Kramme. You can call her at 314-239-2784 or email gsmamalou@gmail.com.

Thought you might be interested in knowing that Girl Scouts are honoring our veteran women now and the idea is growing. May have a web site soon.

Carole Lyston, Girl Scout National Chairman



Programs of Pride

The Cpl. James L. Anderson Unit 476
Cache Valley, Utah

The Cpl. James L. Anderson, Unit 476 of Cache Valley, Utah has kept the Beehive State buzzing! From the Cache Valley Cruise In, a classic car show, to the county Fair, our unit has been able to meet so many veterans, even some that knew of us for helping men and women from their own units. Having free cold water, definitely drew a crowd. The highlight of the past month was being able to participate in the Michael J. Allred, Ride for the Fallen. MCLA 476 spent the morning flipping pancakes for the riders and were able to end the day with a donation of \$1,500 to Cache Valley Veterans Association. They will be naming their center the Dan Gyllenskog Veterans Resource Center in honor of a wonderful man who promoted the welfare of veterans, and is the reason there is an MCLA in Cache Valley. It

was our pleasure to honor his memory and support his wife, Pat, our unit secretary.



(L to R) Kristine Waechtler - Unit President, Paty Gyllenskog - Unit Secretary and Phillip Redlinger - Cache Valley Veterans Association Founder



Last pancakes of the day:
MCLA!

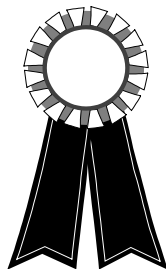
(L to R): Kristine Waechtler - President,
Debbie Wyotko - Judge Advocate, and
Barb Longson - Chaplain



Barb Longson - Chaplain, receiving 2 donated cases
(4,000 bottles) of water!



Cache Valley Cruise In: (L to R) Debbie Crook - Sr. Vice, Kristine Waechtler, Unit President, Darcy Anderson - Department of Utah President, Cindy Stettler - Jr VP and Barb Longson - Chaplain



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Salem County Unit
Department of New Jersey

Salem County Marine Corps League Auxiliary members were recognized for their volunteer efforts at Lunches of Love. Lunches of Love is a non-profit organization that is committed to helping end childhood hunger in Fort Bend County, Texas. The organization has served over 2 million lunches since they began in 2012, and the need continues to grow.

Tanya Justice has supported this organization for the last five years, and her mother, Carrie McIntosh, volunteers on her regular visits to Texas. Besides packing and delivering lunches to those less fortunate, the organization also seeks decorated bags to lift the spirits of the children. Many of the Salem County Unit have supported the organization by decorating and donating lunch bags.

Auxiliary member Emma “Lu” Bickel is perhaps the biggest contributor on that front and has decorated hundreds of bags for the organization. Carrie McIntosh’s trips to Texas include bringing suitcases full of decorated lunch bags and when she and Lu visit, Lunches of Love is always on the agenda. The trio has also attended the Lunches of Love annual gala for the past couple of years. Lunches of Love founder, Adrienne Gray, is glad to see that support for the organization has spread to the East Coast.

For more information on Lunches of Love, please visit the following website:
<http://lunchesoflove.net/>.



L to R: Carrie McIntosh, Tanya Justice, Emma “Lu” Bickel

September 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WE HAD 42 MEMBERS
HONORED ON THE FINAL ROLL CALL.

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IRENE MARINE HARDWARE CITY UNIT, CT. 8/15/2018
CONDOLENCES TO HUSBAND: Joseph Marine, 24 Fairway View
Drive, Bristol, CT. 06010.

FRANNY MCCANN BRASS CITY UNIT, CT. 8/19/2018
CONDOLENCES TO: Woodtick Memorial Funeral Home, 420
Woodtick Road, Wollcott, Ct.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my love: my Lord, I pray, at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever only, all for thee.

Jean Semanco, Coal Cracker Unit in PA. Lost her husband, PDC Paul Semanco. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 6 South Nicholas St. St. Claire, PA. 17970.

Dept of IL. Commandant, Dale Munson passed away. Cards for his wife, Lorene Munson go to: 505 Morman Street, Oglesby, IL. 61348.

Nita Morrison is getting over cancer surgery. Prayers for her would be appreciated or cards of cheer. 1211 Onslow Pines Road, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540.

Prayers are requested for the step son of Linda Chamberlain, Christopher Mahler who has kidney Cancer.

Sandy Ritter is in need of our powerful prayers as she goes through chemo. She is a member of the Melvin M Smith Unit in WA. 5109 N. Karen Rd. Otis Orchards, WA. 99027.

Belinda Jewell Long, due to a staph infection that settled in her heart valve, will need that repaired. 10219 Driver Ave, Overland, MO. 63114.

The son, grandson and godson of three Michigan members are in need of those great prayers. Ryan Yapple, 4704 Mt. Brighton Dr. Brighton, MI. 48116 is only 26 and diagnosed with cancer.

Carole Scheperle, Central MO unit took a bad fall is recovering, 222 Gateway Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109.

Central Division Unit member, Pat Buckley needed our prayers for a horrible incident that occurred in her life. She was mugged from behind going from her car to her house. She required surgery to her shoulder. Cards of cheer for her: 6314 S. Albany Ave. Chicago, IL. 60629-2728.

Marilyn Kitchen –New, Assistant Midwest Division VP, requests prayers for her step son, Chris Davis, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Cards of encouragement may be sent to him at: 1020 North Harrowford Drive, Statham, GA. 30666.

Linda Blair, President of River Valley Claude Rogers Unit in Arkansas, is in rehab following back surgery. Cards of cheer go to: 2109 West Graphic Road, Mountainburg, Ark. 72946.

We had some scary moments at National convention with our member's health and those of member's families.

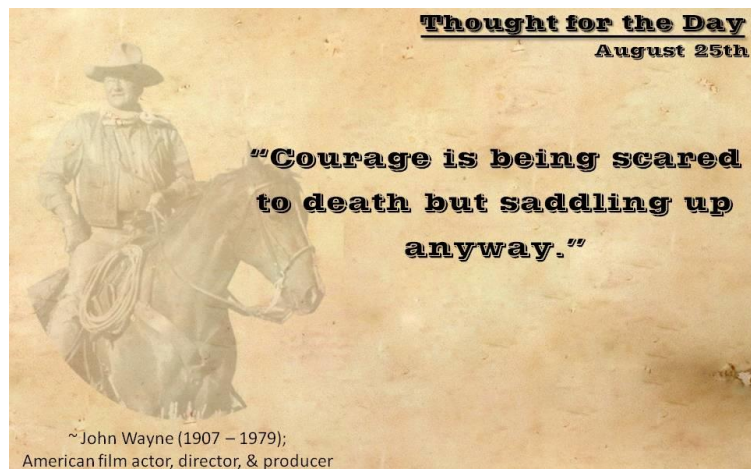
Jr Past National President, Karen Aune, learned that her mom had taken a nasty fall. We all hope and pray her Mom will heal quickly. She was moved to a rehab facility having fractured her hip and shoulder. Cards of cheer may be sent her mom Linda Huckle, PO Box 8, Alexis, NC. 28006.

Dept of WA Judge Advocate, Sandy Falter asks for prayers for her father who is in the hospital with pneumonia. Cards for her go to: 5511 Douglas, Yakima, WA. 98908

I would ask you say a prayer for all our newly elected and appointed National officers.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, PNP BARBARA NOBILE,
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

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