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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

As I write this article, we are only a few weeks out from our National Convention in Billings, MT. I hope everyone is as excited as I am to visit the great northwest. We have lots of informative and fun activities planned for you.

In the event that your unit and/or department is non-compliant with IRS requirements regarding EINs, please read Marine Corps League COO Bob Borka's article in the Summer edition of Semper Fi magazine (page 8). He has provided a very informative synopsis regarding IRS rules that apply to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary as a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League and a simple step-by-step guide to applying for an EIN. Please share the article with your respective unit/department treasurers. As a reminder, all departments and units must also file a 990N annually to maintain 501(c)(4) status.

This has been a rough year for many of our members with an unprecedented onslaught of hurricanes, floods, fires, tornados, and droughts. Many members of our Marine family have suffered tremendous losses and heartache. Thank you to those units and departments who have assisted these victims as many continue to struggle with the aftermath of weather-related disasters. We also have too many members who have experienced devastating illnesses and family losses. Thank you also to our members who have been there to comfort these families with prayers, cards, a hot meal, or a financial donation. As we move forward, please continue to assist those who need our help whenever you can.

Finally, as this is my final article as your National President, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all my staff members who have performed their duties with grace, dignity, and professionalism. You are awesome! And, I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone who has supported and assisted me during this past year. You know who you are, and I love you for it!

I look forward to serving with and assisting our new leadership during the coming year. Please continue your wonderful support of our Marine family and your communities.

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/



Department of Illinois Past Presidents in attendance at the 2019 Department of Illinois Convention in Raymond, IL: (L to R) Carol Martin, Violet Eggert, Renee McGuan, Carol Smith, Patti Morgan, Deb Sosnowski, Shari Crockett

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

Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Greetings

I am excited my bags are almost packed. My reports are almost finished, and I am ready to fly to "Big Sky Country" Billings, Montana for the National Convention. It is particularly exciting to me as Montana is my home territory. I hope you will enjoy the beautiful area, the friendly people and most of all the opportunity to complete our business and share time with our members from across the country.

Please take time to review the bylaws and administrative changes that are proposed for this convention. Know how your unit views each of the changes.

The Department Presidents Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5th at 11:45 am in our Auxiliary meeting room. Plan to bring your lunch, enthusiasm and smiles.

Carol Mazzara and I traveled to Daytona Beach to view the site for the 2020 convention, with the planning committee from the Department of Florida, July 9th. More importantly we had the opportunity to give a application to a new recruit. You never know where a few good ladies may show interest in what we do. Be ready for the opportunity.

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn Joppa

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Sisters:

Well here it is, my last newsletter article as your Junior Vice President.

For those of you who will have a chance to read the newsletter prior to leaving for Billings here is a sneak preview of how we ended our membership year. Remember all transmittals needed to be to National Headquarters prior to June 30, 2019 to have your unit's membership numbers included in this year's count.

June 2018 Total Members 2737

December 2018 Total Members 2380

June 2019 Total Members 2710

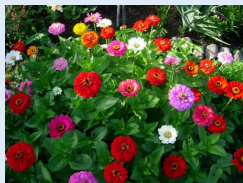
As you can see, in December we were down 357 members from June of 2018, and now in June, 2019 we are only 27 members below last June. I am going to go out on a limb here and say this number is a combination of deceased members and result of a few units who did not submit transmittals this year. Did the units who did not transmit members close or did they just not send in transmittals? If they closed where are those 27 members as our MAL numbers did not increase by 27?

Ladies we need to keep our membership numbers growing each year, not diminishing. We also need to help those units that are struggling to keep their members. We still currently have 337 names on our members-at-large roster, and it would be nice if we could move some of them back into units. Remember, for every one member you lose, you need to recruit two new members - one to replace the lost member and another to increase your unit strength and our sisterhood by one more member.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Junior Vice President this past year, and I ask for your support as I seek the nomination for Senior Vice President. I wish safe travels for all of you traveling to Billings, Montana, for the National Convention.

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain



From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

For those able to make it to Billings, Montana, I pray for safe travel and anticipate a wonderful Convention. If this is your first Convention, please allow me to use this forum to offer a few highlights for the week:

Our **Ships Store is open** most days and I encourage you to go and do some shopping – there is always something new and exciting to be found. Plus, you can purchase your uniform supplies here. The Operation Little Angel event is at the call of the OLA Committee so bring your items early in the week so they can be included in the donation.

Sunday - the Early Bird Chuck Wagon Reception sounds like a good way to get the week started and enjoy some camaraderie before we get down to business. Make sure you purchase a ticket.

Monday - we have the Joint Opening with the Marine Corps League and possibly the Chapel of Four Chaplains and Memorial programs which are always quite moving. Then we follow the same meeting ritual that everyone uses in their Unit meetings. If you were not able to be with last year in Buffalo, New York, the minutes of the last day of the 2018 Convention are read as well as officers' reports. This evening there will be a Commissioners reception with dinner and dancing to local talent. Make sure you purchase a ticket.

Tuesday - we will start the day with remaining committee reports and the budget presentation. Don't worry – we will have a couple of days so everyone can peruse the budget before the vote for approval later in the week. If you have never been on a committee this is the perfect time to understand what these ladies do at National Convention and decide which one you would like to help with. The Division Vice Presidents have a working lunch and then we continue with committee reports so we can hear what other Units and Departments are doing across the country. Will your Unit or Department win an award? The evening plan is a brew walk with transportation provided to the downtown area to check out some of the local restaurants and breweries. Make sure you purchase a ticket.

Wednesday - is the day dedicated to the Fleas and Devil Dogs. This usually starts early in the morning so grab your breakfast quick or bring it with you to the Scratch. As Madame Big Flea all I can tell you is that we are going to have a ball! There will be a MODD Hospitality Room this evening for all Dogs and Fleas. You will NOT need a ticket.

Thursday - back to business after yesterday's fun day. There is an early morning Past Presidents Club meeting and a President's Council – if you are or have been a Unit or Department President this is for you, ladies, informative and fun.



Thursday (con't) Then we should have training workshops before we go to the Devil Dog and Flea luncheon (make sure you purchase a ticket). Thursday is usually Bylaws and Administrative Procedures day. Last month I encouraged all Unit Presidents to take the proposed changes to their members for consideration. We will discuss them before they are voted on and every member present has a voice. I like the idea of the Mustang Baseball Game on Thursday evening (of course) – don't forget to pack a jacket. Make sure you purchase a ticket.

Friday is our last day to bring up anything else that has not already been covered or was tabled for further conversation and approve the budget that was presented earlier in the week. Per our meeting ritual the final business under Good of the Order is the election of officers. The installation will occur after the close of business. Friday evening is the Formal Reception and Grand Banquet. Make sure you purchase a ticket.

If you have not already signed up for the **evening events or day trips** you still have time to purchase your tickets through the MCL website and remember, all events are subject to change. But just because the Convention is over does not mean you have to leave right away. Take some time to enjoy the wonderful attractions and historic sites in this area before you head home.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your National Judge Advocate. I respectfully request your vote for National Junior Vice President for the upcoming year.

Dotty Sanning

Notes From HQ

Ship store is closed at HQ but open at the convention!

Every Unit should consider owning a few items from our store - our new 18 GB Flash Drive, a MCLA flag set (18x12) desk size (are great for meetings), and 12 inch MCLA Logo Magnets (great on cars in parades), our Logo Stickers and Water Bottles make great door prizes!

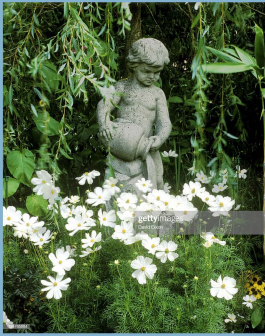
*The **New 18GB Flash Drive** has been pre-loaded with Applications, By-Laws, Fillable Forms, Ship Store Forms and more. There is still 17 GB left for all your unit records! Only \$10!!!*

Looking forward to all the Department and Unit cover sheets and transmittals! Remember on the newest transmittal form – start with LM's then continue on the same form with the rest of your members. You do not need to start a new form or cover sheet for Associate or Regular members.

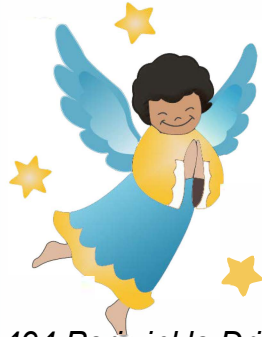
Karen



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AUGUST 2019 NEWS



Lord, our God, You are the great God, you are the creator of life; you make the regions above and sustain the earth from which we live. You are the hunter who hunts for souls; you are the leader who goes before us. You are the great mantle which covers us. You are the one whose hands are with wounds. You are the one whose blood is a living stream. Today we say thank you our God and come before you in silent prayer.



Pauline Mitchell* 6/16/2019 Barefoot Bay Unit, Florida. Condolences to: Daughter Becky Mitchell, 494 Periwinkle Drive, Sebastian, FL.

Lorraine L Kowalski * 5/20/2019 Silver City Mamas Unit, CT. Condolences to: Joseph Kowalski, 1038 Avon Blvd. Cheshire, CT. 06410.

Irene Barnhart * 6/16/2019 P.W. Milano Unit, PA. Condolences to: Debbie Hall, 1840 Pinetown Road, Wellsville, PA. 17365.

Pat Dillback * 5/31/2019 Southern Belles Unit, Indiana. Condolences to: Robert Buckner, 3012 W Virginia Street, Evansville, IN. 47712.

Betty Ausherman * 7/4/2019 Landis McCLeaf Unit, PA. Condolences to: Tim and John Ausherman, 229 North Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Cpl Mason O Yarbrough member, Kathy Marler, lost her brother. Condolences for Kathy may be sent to: 521 Koch, Cape Girardeau, MO. 63703.

Joy Sweigart, Central Missouri Unit member from Jefferson City, MO had a stroke. She is recuperating at her daughters' home in Arizona.

Our dear MCLA member Judy Blackmer had a double mastectomy and is now waiting for reconstructive surgery. She does not require Chemo or radiation treatments. She appreciated all the wonderful cards and well wishes. Continue to keep Judy in your prayers. The power of prayer has really worked for her she states. Cards may be sent to her at: 4530 W Marquette Rd. Chicago, IL. 60629

PNP Karen Aune had Mastectomy surgery. She is doing well under the circumstances but could use our prayers. Cards may be sent to her at: 10010 Skinner Lake Drive, Apt 312, Jacksonville, FL. 32246.

Emma Lu Bickel from the Dept of NJ received to stents in one of her legs recently. Cards of cheer for her may be sent to: 116 Rainbow Trail, Pittsgorve, NJ. 08318.

National Assistant Chaplain, Tracey Killinger from PA. has started her radiation treatments. She is doing well but gets tired. However, the tests result looks good. They are however keeping an eye on her heart. As you may recall, she had a severe heart attack not all that long ago. Keep those prayers coming.

Deborah Hart from the Dept of New Jersey was in the hospital with chest pains. Cards of cheer for her may be sent to her home at: 2 Hires, Apt 315, Salem, NJ 08079.

Angie Harper had surgery and is home at this time. Thinking of You cards for her may go to: 28 River St. Spotswood, NJ. 08884. Angie is a Dept of New Jersey member.

Asking for prayers for those who will be traveling to the National Convention in Billings, MT. We wish for everyone to arrive safely and have a wonderful time.

We would ask for prayers for all the new officers for the coming year. We wish them well and may they have the support of all our members.

IMAGINE IF YOU CAN, A LOVE SO DEEP IS SWALLOWS FEAR; A LOVE SO WIDE IT EMBRACES PAIN, A LOVE SO HIGH IS HUMBLER PRIDE, A LOVE SO THICK IT ABSORBS ALL SIN. IMAGINE, BUT DON'T STOP THERE. COME WITH YOUR FEAR, YOUR PAIN, YOUR PRIDE, YOUR SIN. COME TO GOD WHO LOVES – PURELY, PERFECTLY, PRECISELY---YOU.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile

From the desk of the Girl Scout Liaison

It is time soon for me to prepare certificates of thank you to those Departments or Units that gave Gold Award Girl Scouts in their area our Good Citizenship Award. At the National Convention in August you are presented a certificate and a thank you for honoring the Girl Scouts. I have heard from the following states so far this year: Arkansas, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, and Texas.

You can email me our National Enclosure #25 or #27 and write on it the number of awards you gave this year. Email is: carolelyston@gmail.com

The Good Citizenship Awards can be purchased at the upcoming National Convention in August for you to have next spring to present to the girls. The cost is \$1.25 each; if you purchased more than 25 awards you get a discount of 20%.

I will be at the convention, so bring your questions to ask me, and we can discuss what your concerns are about doing the awards.

Thank you to those of you who have honored the girls in your area.

Carole Lyston

Programs of Pride

Upper Darby Unit

Secane, PA

On June 2, 2019 the ladies of the Upper Darby Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Secane, PA had the privilege of attending the Honor Flight "Welcome Home Vietnam". The Welcome Home was held at The Porch/Lamb Tavern in Springfield, PA. Members of the Auxiliary waved flags, held banners and were able to say "Thank You and Welcome Home" to 150 veterans. Among those on the trip was Unit President, Sandra Krautheim's husband, Chuck who celebrated his 70th birthday and 50 years since he was in Vietnam with seven other members of the Upper Darby Marine Corps League Detachment who were among those lucky enough to go on the trip to Washington, DC for the Day. Family members and friends of unit members were also in attendance to support welcome home the veterans. It was such a thrill to be there for the Vietnam veterans and a few veterans from other conflicts. Members of the Auxiliary also attended the Welcome Home last year for WWII Veterans.



Pictured: R-L: Sandra Krautheim, Unit President, Debbie Dunlap, Erika Krautheim, Unit Jr. Vice, Beverly Shapiro, Unit Captain of the Guard, Terry Souder, (sitting), Unit Sr. Vice, Betty Devine, Unit Judge Advocate, Joan Maslo, Unit Chaplain, Sandy Morris, Unit Secretary, Rebecca Dengel, and Samantha McGowan

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