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From the Desk of the National President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone resolves to continue to serve our Marines and their families with renewed fervor and enthusiasm during 2019. There is so much that we can do to improve the lives of those who are currently serving and have served our country and continue to do so. Read on for a perfect example of helping our Marines.

During our National Convention in August, we were notified that a disabled Marine had been transferred by ambulance from the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center in Johnson City, TN to the Manteno Veterans' Home in Manteno, IL. Due to limited space in the ambulance, her new power wheelchair and most of her clothing items were left behind.



Sharon Beegle, a social worker at Manteno Veterans' Home, requested our assistance in finding a means to transport the wheelchair. She worked diligently to make it happen! To make a long story short, after many avenues were explored without results, Margaret Myers, President of the Kankakee Unit in Illinois and a Marine herself, put out a request on Facebook. She received a response the same day, and on November 28, the wheelchair was delivered to our disabled Marine veteran. This all happened in a period of four days!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank Margaret Myers (pictured left),

Sharon Beegle (pictured right), and especially Mr. Randy Rogers of Rossville, Georgia (pictured center), who volunteered to deliver the wheelchair at no compensation! Our Memorial Fund approved a donation in Mr. Rogers' name to the disabled veteran to be used for the purchase of much needed clothing items. We are so grateful to all of them!

Marine Corps League COO Bob Borka has asked me to share with you that there is a revised Registration Form for the Mid-Winter Conference which

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.

Central Division 2019 Convention

Dates: March 21st ~
March 24th Central
Division Conference

Place: Holiday Inn,
Rock Island Hotel &
Conference Center
226-17th Street, Rock
Island, IL

2019 Rocky Mountain Division Conference

Hotel: DoubleTree by
Hilton Greeley at Lincoln
Park
City: Greeley, CO
Date: 03-May to 05-May-
2019

Booking Link:

<http://group.doubletree.com/US-MarineCorpsLeague>

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

includes banquet meal choices: Chicken Champagne, Petite Filet Mignon, or a Vegan Alternative: Vegan or Vegetarian Tower. It is posted on the Marine Corps League website and in this newsletter. If you have already submitted your registration form, please send an email to Info@mcleague.org with your meal selection. If you are using an original registration form, please write in your meal choices. Also, all departments and units please submit an ad for the Mid-Winter Program Book. The deadline for registration and ads is February 8.

Our Pre-Conference Board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 28. On Thursday evening, the joint Hospitality Room will be open. On Friday evening, March 1, please join me for a Mardi Gras party in our meeting room. Masks and beads will be available or bring your own, if you prefer. We have much work to do in Fredericksburg, but we will also make time for some fun activities. I hope to see everyone there!

"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

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Happy New Year!

Can you believe the Christmas season and 2018 are history? Thanks, ladies, for all the things you accomplished this last year.

December was filled with the magic of Christmas, family, friends, and the opportunity to do many of the things we tend to do year around.

I enjoyed the VA Patient Gift distribution at James Haley & Bay Pines VA Centers. The Veterans really appreciate our visits. One of the Veteran's wanted my Christmas hat & of course he got it.

The total group gave out about 500 bags.

My Team- Kimberly Brown,
Princella Evens. New
Cheryl Lawson-Young,
Lopez & Eve Joppa
Roshea Osborne & Eve Joppa

VA Staff: Shelby Schoenborn,

Acting Chief Tammi Clark, Janeth



National MCLA Website:

www.nationalmcla.org

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www.mclnational.org/



Now is the time to bring out those new and old ideas to make 2019 even better. Are your plans for 2019 in the works? What will your Auxiliary be doing differently? Spread the wealth of ideas by sharing your successes in Programs of Pride.

If you are a Representative or Deputy for the Auxiliary at a VA Hospital Center and it is near the time to be renewed. Please be sure your Unit or Department sends to the National MCLA Representative, Karen Bressler enclosure #35. This will speed up the process.

I hope many of you are planning to attend Mid- Winter.

I choose to be encouraged by all the wonderful things our members do to support Marines, Veterans and our community. Thank you!

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

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B Joppa

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Welcome to 2019:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and had the opportunity to spend some time relaxing with family and friends.

Our membership numbers as of November 30, 2018, are as follows:

2201 current members

- 1083 LM, ALM, (includes 34 new LM or ALM)
- 1027 R, RAM, or MAL
- 91 new members R, RAM or MAL

We are still 326 members below our December 2017 total as reported at the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference held in Fredericksburg VA. Here's how the numbers break down:

DECEMBER 31, 2017

New LM & ALM - 34

LM & ALM – 1109*

R, RAM – 1213*

New R, RAM or MAL – 171*

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

New LM & ALM - 34

LM & ALM – 1049**

R, RAM or MAL – 1027

New R, RAM or MAL – 91

*Does not include MAL's

** Includes MAL's

So where are those 326 members? Recently it was brought to my attention that transmittals had not been received for some Departments. Ladies, as the Department Treasurer you have a responsibility to move the transmittals along in a timely manner and not hold on to dues checks from your units. First, it is poor banking practice; second, it can cause an auditing problem; and, third, by not sending in the transmittals, those unit members are now delinquent, according to our National Bylaws Section 620 - Delinquent Member.

Now a word or two about the dreaded 990's. In an effort to have an up-to-date list of EIN numbers and the most recent 990 filing information for units and departments ready to send to the League by January 15, 2019, I have begun searching EIN numbers on the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search website. So far my search has indicated that most of the units and departments in the two divisions I have completed have filed their 990 for 2017. However, I am still concerned that we have some units who have had their not-for-profit status revoked or have not filed a 990 since 2016.

Also, please remember that a copy of the acceptance of filing from the IRS must be filed with the Unit, Department, Division Vice President, and National Headquarters, and don't forget to keep a copy for your own file. Karen Grady has sent me copies of the filings she has received to date, which will save me time in looking thru the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search website.

Enough of boring statistics and 990 talk for this month! I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Until next month.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

Linda Chamberlain

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

Oh my, another year has begun. It is time to cultivate new and old friendships.

Come on, you know the song by Robert Burns:

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?

What do the words mean to you? To me it means a toast to days gone by. Perfect for when we are remembering old friends and greeting new ones. Speaking of greeting new friends, this winter is a good time to snuggle under a blanket with your friend, and mine - your Unit, Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures! Oh, yes. A snowy winter day is the perfect time to read and understand those Bylaws. What, you may ask, can I do if I don't understand the Bylaws? Then you turn to your Unit, Department or National Judge Advocate. We are all here to help you navigate through the pages of information.

What are the duties of the National Judge Advocate? *The National Judge Advocate shall interpret the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. She shall advise, construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of Law and Procedure to the National President, National Board of Trustees, National Staff, Departments and Units when so requested.* What can I do to help you?

The Department Judge Advocate does the same – she shall advise, construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of Law and Procedures to the Department President and Department Board of Trustees when so requested. The Unit Judge Advocate does the same for her Unit President and Board of Trustees when so requested.

We are all here to help you – just ask.

Stay safe and warm.

Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

Plan a trip to the Ship Store at Mid-Winter! Or send in an order now...

We have many great conversation starters with the MCLA logo. Put a window sticker on your car, drink from an MCLA water bottle, keep your credit cards safe in our RFID wallet, or use the newest MCLA sling bag to haul all your stuff around!



New Jackets are
on their way-
See the order form
in the newsletter!



We also have EGA earrings in gold or two-tone (gold/silver).

And for those units needing a flag – we have *fabulous desk sets for only \$25* – includes an American Flag, an MCLA flag and a stand!

If there is something you would like to see sold in the MCLA National HQ store, please let the office know! MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org We will research all ideas! See you at Mid-Winter!

Ship Store Co-Chairs: Debby Krueger and Judy Blackmer

MCLA JACKETS!



These fabulous jackets will be available at the Mid-Winter Convention
- embroidered with a colored MCLA logo (on the front left)!

You can PRE-ORDER yours NOW!

Have a friend pick it up or have it shipped to you.

Available in sizes M – 4XL for \$55 each

- 100% polyester tricot
- Soft brushed backing
- Cadet collar
- Side zippered pockets
- Open hem with drawstring cords
- Sizes run true/ it is slightly contoured



Complete the form below and send to HQ to reserve your jacket today!

MCLA Jacket order form.

**Pick your size and send with payment of \$55 to HQ
by *February 15th* for pickup at Mid-Winter.**

☐ Medium (8/10)	Name
☐ Large (12/14)	Address
☐ X Large (16/18)	City
☐ 2 XL (20/22)	State/Zip
☐ 3 XL (24/26)	Phone
☐ 4 XL (28/30)	Credit Card #
	EXP Date CCV

☐ **Picking up at Mid-Winter**

☐ **Please ship mine for special reduced rate of \$7 with this form.**

Email to MCLAHQ@NationalMCLA.org

Or Mail to MCLA Headquarters, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554

GIRL SCOUTS

The Gold Award for Girl Scouts is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. It is a commitment for the girls and usually takes about 3 years to finish the requirements to complete the award. The girls must first earn the Silver Award, then plan with their Girl Scout Council the project the girl selects to do to earn the Gold Award. That usually takes 60 hours to complete. Some girls must do money raisers to get funds to do their project. Some projects girls select to do are for an area where they do not live. Which means travel time is also involved in the task of doing the award. These girls will be either Jr. or Sr. high school level.

Our Auxiliary started honoring these girls many years ago with a Good Citizenship Certificate. The certificate is purchased from our National Office.

Many Auxiliaries are doing the awards in our nation. The following states had a contact with a Girl Scout Council and did a total of 1112 certificates.

Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas.

If you live in a state that has not done the certificates to girls, please consider doing so in the spring of 2019. You can find the location of a Girl Scout Council that is in your area or state on the Internet. Contact the Girl Scout Council and ask to talk to someone in charge of the Gold Award Program. Explain why you are calling: the National Marine Auxiliary has a certificate that they would like all girls to receive who earn the Gold Award. Ask them to send you a list of the girl's names so you can put them on the certificates to be given to them the day of their recognition party.

Most Girl Scout Councils have the time frame for the girls to finish their award by March first. By contacting the Girl Scout Council in January, they will know you are interested and will email you the list of girls and the date of when they are having a recognition party for the girls. You don't have to attend the recognition, but it is nice if you do attend. You will be amazed to learn what the individual girls have done to earn their Gold Award.

Any questions please contact me for help: carolelyston@gmail.com
or 314-892-5945
Carole Lyston, Nation Girl Scout Chairman

Programs of Pride

CPL JAMES L. ANDERSON Unit
Cache Valley, UT



It has been a great year for the CPL James L. Anderson Unit of Cache Valley, UT. We were pleased to end it on such a high note. The Cache Chamber of Commerce awarded our Unit \$3,000 from the Patriotic Golf Tournament in September. This money will allow our unit to do even bigger and better things in 2019. We were also very honored to be one of the Gold sponsors for the Cache Valley Family Magazine's First Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! We cannot wait to continue our mission in the New Year.



(L to R) Kristine Waechtler - President, Barb Longson - Chaplain, Darcy Anderson - Dept of UT President



(L to R) Cindy Stettler - Jr. VP, Darcy Anderson - Dept of UT President, Kristine Waechtler, President, Barb Longson - Chaplain, Gail Yost - School Liaison, Debbie Crook - Sr. VP



(L to R) Kristine Waechtler - President, Barb Longson - Chaplain, Gail Yost - School Liaison, Santa Claus - Chief of Merriment, Debbie Crook - Sr. VP, Darcy Anderson - Dept of UT President

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Sharon Pavey, Dept of PA member needed our prayers for her hubby, Dave who had surgery. Cards of good wishes may go to them at: 207 Pine Street, Towanda, PA 18848.

Lisa Schmaltz, from the Landis McCleaf Unit had oral surgery and needed our prayers, cards of cheer for her go to: 260 Miller Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Landis McCleaf member and Assistant National Chaplain, Tracey Killinger had cancer surgery and is now going through chemo and radiation. She would love your cards of encouragement, 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy.S Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Steve Abeyta needs our prayers as he was in the hospital for some serious health issues. His wife Mitzy Abeyta is a member of the Rocky Mt. Unit and Dept of Colorado Chaplain. Cards for them go to: 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO. 81144.

Husband of Betty Hauck, Richard passed away in November. Betty is a member of the Marion Unit, cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 56 Hickory Loop, Ocala, Fl. 34472.

Karen Bressler, Rocky Mt Division VP had some health issues these past few months. Cards of cheer for her may be sent to: 7200 East Quincy Ave. #118, Denver. CO 80237.

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***MEMBERS WE LOST OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.***

THERESA SCAFIDI * 2/17/2018 All Divisions Unit, PA, no family for cards.

AMELIA ORTIZ GARCIA * 10/20/2018 Coastal Bend Unit, TX
Condolences to husband, Augustine Garcia Sir, 3702 Waterloo, Corpus Christie, TX. 78411

LOIS LILLIAN ADKINS * 11/07/2018 DeKalb Sycamore Unit, IL,
Condolences to: Marcia Nelson, 924 Foxpointe Dr. Sycamore, Il 60178.

JUDITH ERICKSON * 11/19/2018, Hardware City Unit, CT. Condolences to: Craig Erickson, 117 Centerbury Trail Drive, Rochester Hill, MI. 48309.

ARTHEME L JOHNSON * 11/21/2018 Hamilton Walters Unit, Burlington, IA, Condolences to son: Timothy Johnson, 1829 Dehn Street, Burlington, Ia, 52601.

KATHLEEN HODGSON * Sauk Valley Unit, IL Condolences to husband Ralph, 2720 S. 14th Street, #6 Pekin, IL. 61554,

PATRICIA COFFEY * 11/30/2018 no family for cards, Mickey Finn unit, VA.

MONICA YOUNG * 12/04/2018 McHenry County Unit, IL, Condolences to Husband, Rich Young, 8609 Hogbac Road Woodstock, IL, 60098.

WISHING ALL OF YOU THE VERY BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.
BARB NOBILE, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

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Upcoming Events

Mid-Winter Conference - February 28 – March 2, 2019
Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center
2801 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg VA 22401 Phone: (540) 786-8321 \$99.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

2019 National Convention – August 4th – August 9th,
2019 Billings, Montana. Visit

<https://www.mcnationalconvention2019.com/index.php>
for more information



MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 28 – March 2, 2019 Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center

2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: (540) 786-8321

\$99.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 8, 2019

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Det/Unit: _____

Det/Unit: _____

Street Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. *It is recommended that you email your ad for better resolution.*

Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____

Half page @ \$60 _____

Quarter page @ \$30 _____

Business card @ \$25 _____

Patron listing @ \$2 _____

Total number pre-registration delegates _____

Total number of banquet meals _____

Program book ads _____

GRAND TOTAL DUE _____

Banquet Meal Selection @\$50 each

No. of Meals

☐ Chicken Champagne _____

☐ Petite Filet Mignon _____

☐ Vegan Alternative: ☐ Vegan _____

☐ Vegetarian Tower _____

Please note your selection on your registration. If you have already submitted registration, please send an email to Info@mcleague.org with your selection.

Check or money order enclosed ☐ Check / MO # _____ Amount _____

Please make checks and money orders payable to MCL, Inc. or Marine Corps League, Inc.

We gladly accept ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Credit card # _____ Exp. Date * _____ CVV # _____

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City /State /Zip _____

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* For Visa, MasterCard and Discover; please look in the signature strip on the back of your credit card. In the signature strip there are several numbers, some of which may be part of your credit card number. The last 3-digit number is your CVV card security number. For AMEX; your CVV card security number is on the front.

Please mail to: National Marine Corps League, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554.

For credit card payment call 703.207.9588 or email forms and ad copy to llwilliamson@MCLeague.org

Please CC the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka at bborka@MCLeague.org



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