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**Deadline for ALL
articles is the 15th of
each month.**

From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Hopefully, all of you were able to attend a Memorial Day service to honor our military heroes who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. I wish to thank National Senior Vice President Evelyn Joppa, who represented me at the National Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and Color/Banner Bearers Carrie McIntosh and Nila Caulder who represented the Auxiliary in the Parade of Colors.

If you have not made your plans for attending the National Convention in Billings, Montana on August 4 through 11, you need to do that as soon as possible. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary's Board of Trustees will hold the Pre-Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, 2019. Please visit our website (www.nationalmcla.org) for more information and the Marine Corps League website for a list of tours unique to the American northwest and Big Sky Country!

The deadline to submit our unit reports to the national chairs is rapidly approaching. Department chairs (and unit chairs when there is no department) must submit these reports to the respective national chairs no later than July 1. Remember to use Enclosure #25 (Cover Sheet). The list of national chairs is in my May article. Our volunteer hours will be reported to the Marine Corps League. Let's show our Marines how valuable our volunteering is to our veterans and communities!

Remember to fly your flags on June 14 (and preferably every day). Thank you, Ladies, for all that you do throughout the year for our veterans and your communities!

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

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

Carol Smith

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.

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www.mclnational.org/



From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

The National Advisory Committee (VAVS) meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas. It was a valuable experience and a wonderful opportunity to represent the Auxiliary and the National President, Carol Smith. Several inspiring work shops were offered each day.

One highlight, the James H. Parke Scholarship \$20,000 Winner "Daniel Finney", spoke at the Luncheon. Impressive young man. There were several other scholarships awarded.

It was my honor to present the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary's donation to John P Brown III, President, James H Parke Memorial Fund.



Daniel Finney



John Brown & Eve Joppa

Many of us will be taking part in our Department Conventions coming up this month. I wish for each Department success in helping your units and the units the opportunity to build new leadership. We need to continue to encourage our members to join the activities at department and national, their involvement is vital to our growth and mission.

The National Convention in Billings Montana is only a couple of months away, Welcome to Big Sky Country. I hope many of you will be joining us. The Department President's Council meeting is scheduled for Monday August 5th at 11:45 A.M. in our Auxiliary meeting room. Please plan to bring your own lunch. This meeting is open to Department Presidents, Unit Presidents and those aspiring to be. (No Covers please) I look forward to hosting this event.

There is still time to get your unit committee reports in. Every day is another day to recruit a new member, to join our efforts to help our Marines, Veterans & Communities.

Thanks to each of you, for all the things you do every day.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B Joppa

National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

To My Auxiliary Sisters:

I hope all Auxiliary moms, stepmoms and grandmoms had a wonderful Mother's Day and were treated extra specially, and I also hope everyone had the opportunity to honor our veterans during Armed Forces Week and on Memorial Day.

Our current membership numbers as recorded at National Headquarters are:

1,406 regular & associate members

1,213 life, associate life, LMAL's and PNP's

2,619 Total

As of June 30, 2018, we had a total of 2,731 so you can see we are 112 members below last year.

When our National Secretary sent me the membership numbers, she also enclosed additional information I'd like to share with you.

Transmittals:

- 14 units have not submitted transmittals for this year - 9 of those may be closed

Bond:

- 33 units/departments have not submitted their 2019 bonds
 - 13 units submitted transmittals but no bond form
 - 9 departments (one of which may have closed in January of 2018 and one that has not submitted a bond for the past 3 years)
 - 11 units may be closed

Installation Reports:

- 21 units and one department have not submitted installation reports
 - 1 unit since 2014
 - 2 units since 2015
 - 2 units since 2016
 - 16 units and one department since 2017

Even if your unit does not change officers, an installation report must be completed and the officers must be duly sworn in for a second term. The submission of the installation report is the responsibility of the installing officer.

With department conventions being held this month and the national convention just around the corner, there is still time to get your units in order by July 1 so no one will be in violation of National Bylaw Article One, National Convention, Section 105 – Credentials – Delegates, Alternates, Members, sub section C & D.

Until next month... Don't forget Flag Day is June 14th



Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

I recently attended the Midwest Division Spring Conference in Iowa and it was wonderful. No matter how many conferences and conventions I attend there is always, always, information to gather and learn from. Thank you, Siouxland Detachment and Midwest Division Vice President Darlene MacCubbin. We had a fun card making event which was very productive and we are fortunate to have National Chaplain PNP Barb Nobile in our Division so we could send her home with the cards that day. Who knows, you may receive a thinking of you card lovingly made by our Division sisters.



According to the National Bylaws, Article Four states Department Conventions are to be held each year between 1 May and 15 July. You may or may not have had yours yet. Article Five states, each Unit shall hold an annual election of officers after 1 September and no later than 15 May. You should have had yours by this time. Congratulations to all of the newly installed officers in their respective Units and Departments – I commend your dedication and willingness to take a leadership position. To the outgoing officers, thank you - you can now sit back and observe. This could be a reflective time to see how you can help your new officers to do their best.

I found these in an Auxiliary protocol book and wanted to share them with everyone:

DO use the Opening Ritual at all meetings. It makes those in attendance feel they have attended a worthwhile meeting. There is comfort in familiarity.

DO maintain your interest in the Unit, Department and National organizations when you leave office.

DON'T insist on having your own way , if the majority's desire is to the contrary. An officer's first duty is to do the wishes of the majority of her members not her own wishes.

DON'T hesitate to ask questions as to procedures, etc. or of decisions made at conventions.

Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the Girl Scouts Chair

Ladies if you are a mom, grandmother, aunt a friend or Girl Scout leader of a girl in Girl Scouting please encourage her to pursue the Gold Award. Girls must be a Senior Scouts in High school, to work on the award. The decision is usually made during summer school break between Jr. and Sr. years in high school. But, knowing the value of doing the Gold Award may help influence a girl and her parents to help her want to pursue the Gold Award.

Girl Scout Councils have special ladies, usually volunteers, that work with the girls to help them in their decisions of doing the award and advice on how to proceed to achieve the award. There are meetings the girls attend and guidance is provided there for them to proceed with their project to do the award. To do the Gold Award it requires community service and demonstrating leadership skills. This is a learning experience which helps them have self-confidence to pursue other challenges in life. Colleges do look at Girl Scout Gold Awardees with favoritism because they know the challenge that a girl has to complete her award. Also, some councils present their girls with scholarships for college.

Speaking with the girls and parents in my council, a common thread is how the girls have been changed by their experience. Girls often comment about the self-confidence they have gained in connections with the process of doing their project. They also acquire leadership qualities they do not experience doing in any other way which will most likely help them in their future at college or at work.

I want to thank all the auxiliaries that are doing the Good Citizenship Awards for the Girl Scouts in their area. And a reminder please send me your report of how many awards you presented this year.

Carole Lyston – send by email: carolelyston@gmail.com



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Spring Hill Unit Florida held a special fundraising Raffle for the Spring Hill Det 708's Honor Guard. Auxiliary presented the Detachment with a check for \$750. Way to go Ladies.



Kathleen Rottino, Sr Vice, Rose Marie, Judge Advocate, Millie Bernier, President, Tony Akers, Commandant, Tony Akers, Jim Hand & Brad Bennett

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We had many of our members having surgery this past month. I would ask that you keep all in your prayers for a swift recovery and continued courage as they go through chemo or recovery from illnesses.

Judy Brink, Rocky Mt .Division, has stage 2 ovarian cancer and underwent surgery in Mat. She is having chemo treatments for a few weeks. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: 6715 W 80th street, Arvada, CO. 80003-2022.

Lola Cochran, Dept of Illinois and Alton Leathernecks, had surgery in May for nodules on her throat. Cards of cheer may be mailed to: 340 Whitelaw Ave. Wood River, Il. 62095.

Past Central Division VP and Dept of Illinois JA, Judy Blackmer had a double mastectomy in May. Cards for Judy go to: 4530 W. Marquette Rd. Chicago, IL, 60269-5627.

Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough Member, Linda Stroman had back surgery. Cards of cheer may be sent to: 738 County Highway 333, Benton, MO 63736.

Past Dept of Florida President, Wanda Russell lost her husband Walt. Cards of condolence may be sent to Wanda at: 254 SE Tristin Lane, Lake City, Florida, 32025.

PNP Caroline Ruhmshottel is taking care of her past chief, who fell and broke his hip. Phil took a nasty fall in rehab and had to have surgery again on the hip. Keep

both Past chief Phil and Caroline in your thoughts and prayers. 9503 NE 11th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664-3177.

We continue to pray for those who have ongoing health issues.

Respectfully submitted, PNP Barb Nobile, National Chaplain

Upcoming Events

2019 National Convention – August 4th – August 9th, 2019

Billings, Montana. Visit

<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com/index.php> for more information

Article Submissions: The Deadline for all articles is the 15th of each month, without exception and is strictly upheld. All articles will be subject to both appropriateness and to space available, and should be of interest to all Members not just one individual or Unit/Department. Email your articles to Meg Krebs at MCLA-Newsletters@msn.com in a Microsoft Word formatted document.

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DATE: May 3, 2019

B- #1

TO: National Headquarters, MCLA
3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554-7771

FROM: Dotty Sanning
Central Missouri Unit
2003 Wooded Lane Rd
Jefferson City, MO 65101

SUBJ: In compliance with article Eight, Section 800 of the National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, I hereby submit, in triplicate, typewritten form, the following amendment to: Article Six, Members, Section 646 – Dual Membership (E).

CURRENTLY READS:

(E) Individual Units may decide on voting privileges on Unit issues for Dual Members beyond the primary Unit.

AMEND TO READ:

(E) Dual Members shall have the same rights at this Unit as her original membership eligibility allows, including the ability to hold office in each Unit.

BRIEF:

Full membership rights, as noted in Article 6 – Members, Section 630 – Rights of Members, states that no member shall be deprived of any right or privileges in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

RATIONALE:

Full membership rights include voting and holding an elected office. If a regular Member chooses to be a regular Member of another Unit, and is accepted by that Unit, she should be able to hold office just as other regular Members in that Unit.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Following approval of the Marine Corps League National Judge Advocate but no later than January 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Sanning



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B- #2

From: Jr. PNP Karen Aune
10010 Skinner Lake Dr, #312
Jacksonville, FL 32246

May 6, 2019

Subject: Incompliance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 – Amendments, National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, I hereby submit, in triplicate, typewritten form, the following amendment to Article Eight Miscellaneous, Section 800 - Amendments

Add:

Section 800 – Amendments

(a) All submissions for proposed changes to the National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary shall have representation, by the maker or their assignee, on the floor of the convention at which it will be presented and voted on.

Brief: To ensure that any questions or concerns are answered with the most knowledge possible to avoid 'guessing' at the makers intentions.

Rationale: This will remove the need to question the maker(s) after the fact regarding their intentions and allow the proposed change to move forward for a vote by the body present.

Effective Date: Upon the approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League, but no later than 01 January 2020.



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B- #3

From: Jr. PNP Karen Aune
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May 6, 2019

Subject: Incompliance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 – Amendments, National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, I hereby submit, in triplicate, typewritten form, the following amendment to Article Eight Miscellaneous, Section 800 - Amendments

Add:

Section 800 – Amendments

(b) Submissions for proposed changes to the National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary shall be voted on as submitted, with no changes or alternations prior to the vote by the body present at the convention.

Brief: To ensure that any discussion to remains on topic and allows for the vote to be straightforward.

Rationale: This will remove the possible confusion and uncertainty that can sometimes occur after a lengthy discussion and the need to re-explain what the vote will accomplish.

Effective Date: Upon the approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League, but no later than 01 January 2020.

Date: May 6, 2019

B- #4

To: National Headquarters, MCLA

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From: Mary Brief

Flint Unit

7120 Brief Rd

Kingston, MI 48741

Subject: In compliance with Article Eight, Section 800 of the National Bylaws, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, I hereby submit, in triplicate typewritten form, the following amendment to Article 5 Section: 503 – Subsection A “Treasurer Financial Records”

Currently Reads: SECTION 506- Subsection A: The Unit bank account shall be in the name of the Auxiliary and two signatures (President and Treasurer) are required on all checks and/or savings withdrawals. Accurate records must be kept for all receipts and disbursements. The records must show a detailed account on the expenditure of all funds such as: general expense, hospital, rehabilitation, fund raising project, etc. Treasurer’s books are to be audited every three months by the Auditing Committee.

Amend: SECTION 506 - Subsection A: The Unit bank account shall be in the name of the Auxiliary and minimum of two signatures (President and Treasurer) are required on the account. Accurate records must be kept for all receipts and disbursements. The records must show a detailed account on the expenditure of all funds such as: general expense, hospital, rehabilitation, fund raising project, etc. Treasurer’s books must be audited no less than one time per year prior to the installation of officers.

Brief: Delete that 2 signatures are required on all checks and/or savings withdrawals. Replace with required on the account. Delete, “books are to be audited every three months by the Auditing Committee”

Rationale: Having 2 signatures on the account is sufficient. It should be up to the Unit to decide if they need to have 2 signatures on the checks or withdrawals. In today society, debit cards are used in many instances for purchases; having two people present for such activity is not consistent with practices with debit card usage. A requirement cannot be in place for checks writing only and not the debit card usage. Auditing Unit books three times a year is unrealistic. Books should be audited prior to when new officers are installed and positions are filled. Units can enact more stringent requirements into their by-laws if they choose.

This would be effective after the approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League, no later than 01 January 2020

Date: May 5, 2019

AP- #1

To: National Headquarters, MCLA
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From: Mary Brief
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Subject: In compliance with Article Eight, Section 800 of the National Bylaws, Marine corps League Auxiliary, I hereby submit, in triplicate typewritten form, the following amendment to Chapter 2 in the Administrative Procedures Section: 235 Convention Administrative Committee – Subsection D -2 “Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Committee”

Currently Reads: Administrative Procedures- SECTION 235 - Subsection D-2 Bylaws and administrative procedures committee shall review and present all proposed changes of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures properly submitted in accordance with the requirements of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. The committee, by a majority vote, shall either approve or disapprove, without personal bias, all properly registered National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures revisions considered by the Committee. The Committee chairman will report the Committee’s recommendations to the National convention and then present the amendments to the body for acceptance or rejection. (Rev.08/14) Allowance will be available for those Committee members in attendance at the Bylaws meeting during the National convention for the years the National Bylaws are revised, amended or repealed. (Rev. 08/12)

Amend: Administrative Procedures- SECTION 235 - Subsection D-2 Bylaws and administrative procedures committee shall review and present all proposed changes of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures properly submitted in accordance with the requirements of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. The committee, by a majority vote, shall either approve or disapprove, without personal bias, all properly registered National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures revisions considered by the Committee. The Committee chairman will report the Committee’s recommendations to the National convention and then present the amendments to the body for acceptance or rejection. (Rev.08/14)

Brief: **Delete** the (Rev. 08/12) “Allowance will be available for those Committee members in attendance at the Bylaws meeting during the National convention for the years the National Bylaws are revised, amended or repealed.”

Rationale: The Bylaws have to be submitted to National *not less than 90 days prior* to the opening of the National Convention (Section 800) and requires a straight up or down vote from the body. The Committees' purpose is to recommend or not recommend the bylaw change as submitted. The process of agreeing for a recommendation does not require them to be in attendance since this can be done prior to Convention by email, text, postal mail or telephone. (should be no different as Section 235 (A)) Therefore, no allowance should be needed for this committee.

This would be effective after the approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League, no later than 01 January 2020.