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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

It's crunch time! With less than two weeks before heading east for the Mid-Winter Conference, I still have a long list of things to accomplish. I would like to thank the members and units who stepped up to help provide food or monetary donations for food for the Hospitality Room. It is quite an endeavor to feed more than two hundred attendees!

Earlier this month, my unit assisted our local detachment with Bingo at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy, about an hour and a half drive from home. We had approximately sixty-five Bingo players in attendance. The picture below is of the members of my unit, West Central Illinois Leathernecks, who provided cookies and helped at the event. It was a fun afternoon!



L to R: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, Connie Evans, Carol Smith, Tonya Crosier, Jan Carleton, Jeanette Geise, Ashley Maas, Connie Bryant

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

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

SOUTHERN DIVISION CONVENTION

MAR 21-24, 2019
LAWTON, OK
HOTEL INFO:
HILTON GARDEN INN
135 NW 2ND ST
1-580-280-2100

It is almost time for our Division Conferences. The Department of Illinois will be hosting the Central Division Conference this year in Rock Island the weekend of March 21-23. It will be nice to see many of our members from the six states that encompass our division. I hope all of you have the opportunity to attend your respective division conferences.

As always, thank you for all that you do throughout the year for our Marines and 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

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Greetings Ladies!

Midwinter Staff Conference is now in full swing.

A couple of last-minute reminders for those present here in Fredericksburg.

I have the privilege of conducting the Department Presidents Council Meeting on Friday, March 1st. All Department and Unit Presidents and those who aspire to learn more, please join us in the Auxiliary meeting room at 7:45 am.

In addition, Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 a. m., I will be hosting a breakfast in honor of our National President, Carol Smith. Please feel free to get your breakfast from the restaurant and bring it into the meeting room. Please join me in thanking Madam President for her commitment to our Auxiliary and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Be well, be safe, work hard and enjoy!

"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

Is it Spring yet? I am so tired of this cold weather.

Up until a few days ago I had no idea what I would be sharing with you this month, but following a telephone conversation with our National Secretary, it was clear I needed to write about our members-at-large, the Auxiliary's LBNFM's (lost but not forgotten members).

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.

National MCLA Website:

www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas Website:

www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps League:

www.mclnational.org/



Currently we have 337 MAL's (38 of whom are current in the database at National Headquarters). That's:

- 11 more members than are in the Southeast Division;
- 117 fewer members than in the Central Division;
- 16 members short of half of the members in the Northeast Division;
- 132 more members than in our largest unit, Landis-McCleaf, and;
- Just about half of the combined membership of the Departments of Florida and Pennsylvania.

How can this be? According to the records at headquarters, many of these members have had no contact with the Auxiliary for at least the last four (4) years. I realize the MAL's are made up of ladies whose units have closed, those who do not have a unit in the area in which they live, and those who want to belong to the Auxiliary but for whatever reason do not want to belong to a unit.

Last year, Past JVP Joppa sent letters to the MLA's and only 38 responded. In an attempt to try a different approach, at the Mid-Winter Conference I will give each Division Vice President a list of the MAL's in their division. I requested they share the lists with their respective units and departments to see if someone may know one of the ladies on the list to determine if they are deceased, no longer able to receive mail, or have moved. Once I hear back from the Division Vice's, I will be sending letters to the MAL's in an attempt to find some of our LBNFM and return them to the Auxiliary. We have units whose membership is dwindling due to age and health issues, and it would be nice if we could move some of our MAL's to those units so they do not have to turn in their Charters.

Until next month... Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

Linda Chamberlain

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

March, for me, is a time for self-reflection.

While we are all probably trying to keep warm under cozy blankets, remember it is almost tax time. Some of the information you may put on your taxes and in your personal journaling can also be listed on our volunteer hour worksheets. It can be very satisfying to look back on the year and see all that you have accomplished. March is not too late for New Year's Resolutions such as how can I continue to help my Unit, my Department, my Division and the National organization?

Just in case you need some light winter reading of your Bylaws I do have a couple of questions:

What do you have in your Bylaws about a quorum for your meetings?

How many meetings are you holding each year?

As I write this I have recently approved my first set of Bylaws for a Department and thoroughly enjoyed the process. I appreciated reading about their Department and offered a few suggestions to streamline their Bylaws. I am also getting ready to attend the National Mid-Winter Staff Conference and am looking forward to renewing old friendships and anticipate forming new ones.

Now let me give you some information about the Marine Corps League Foundation Scholarship Program. Just like last year, weather-related disasters caused some delays as well as different schools requiring different names to be listed on the checks – some wanted Registrar, some Admissions, etc. *I have been assured that the scholarship checks have finally been sent out.* They were sent to the schools with both the school name and the student name. Every year we find out something new about sending out the scholarship checks and we the program continues to evolve.

Thank you, sisters, for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow and to help others. It is a pleasure to serve and help promote the good works of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Dotty Sanning

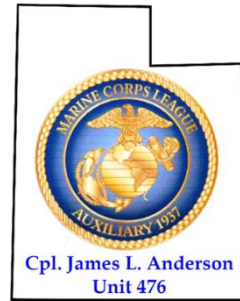
National Judge Advocate



Programs of Pride

Cpl James L. Anderson Unit
Cache Vally, UT

Cpl. James L. Anderson Unit 476 of Cache Valley, Utah is partnering with the Cache Chamber of Commerce. The Cache Chamber of Commerce is an organization of business owners and managers in the valley who meet monthly and network to share ideas and other information. At a recent meeting, while networking with various businesses, our unit recruited a local attorney who has agreed to do Veterans benefit legal work for our local Veterans pro bono. We are very excited about the other possibilities we will be able to pursue with businesses; Advertising, Sponsorship, Donations, Veterans Awareness in the Community, Partnerships for our events and the list goes on and on.



From the Desk of the Girl Scouts Chair

Our Auxiliary recognizes the Girl Scouts throughout our nation that receive the Girl Scout Gold Award. We present the Girl Scouts with our Good Citizenship certificate.

I am asking you to look for the Girl Scout Council in your state to do awards for those girls in that council. However, if you know there is no auxiliary activity in a state next to yours please consider doing the awards for those girls in that state with no auxiliary.

You just contact the Girl Scout Council and explain about the auxiliary giving the certificates to the Gold Awardees at councils everywhere. You would like them to send you a list of the girls and the date of their recognition so you have the certificated done for that date.

The awards are purchased from our National office. The cost is \$1.25 each, if you order more than 25 awards, you get a discount of 20%.

You can hand write the words on the certificate or print them by using your computer. It takes a few minutes to set up the printing correctly, but then just save your program to be used next year. You need to print the girl's name and date of the recognition party for the girl. There are two other blank lines. You can print your name as the presenter under one and title of your office on the other. Or you can have your President name printed under one and her title and have her sign the certificate. The other line and your name under the line and your office and you sign on the line.

It is also nice to write a separate letter of congratulations to each girl. I have samples to share with you. So just contact me and I will send you a copy of the letters. I can do that by email or snail mail, whatever works for you.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn in scouting and it's rules are as follows from Girl Scout national newspaper. "They have to do a project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region or beyond. The project puts the Girl Scout Promise and Law into action. The project includes provisions to ensure

sustainability. The project identifies national and global/links to the girl's selected issue. The project inspires others".

This is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive and awardees are recognized as girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership by carrying out projects that meet a need in the community.

Carole Lyston, National Girl Scout Chairman

Contact me at: carolelyston@gmail.com or call 314-892-5945

March 2019 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



MARY ALICE DASSANCE- HAZELTON - MARION UNIT, FLORIDA- 1/20/2019

LILA VANMETER- MOUNTAINSIDE MARINE UNIT- MARYLAND- 3/31-2017

JOAN MESSERSOLE- LIFE MEMBER BAREFOOT BAY UNIT, FLORIDA, PASSED AWAY IN 2017.

DOROTHY HOMELESKI- MICHIANA HOOSIERS- PASSED AWAY IN NURSING HOME LAST YEAR.

KAREN JANAKAS- HOLIDAY UNIT- FLORIDA 1/05/2019- CONDOLENCES TO HER HUSBAND, STEVE JANAKAS, 7105 Colfax Drive, New Port Richey, FL. 43668.

CHRISTINE TRIERWILER- JOSEPH A BRAY UNIT – INDIANA- 1/07/2019- CONDOLENCES TO COMPANION, BOB DUNN, 1702 Woodlawn Ave. Terre Haute, IN. 47804.

JUDITH WALDSMITH- SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN UNIT- 12/13/2018 – CONDOLENCES TO: CINDY WALSDMITH- PO Box 6, Afton, WI. 53520.

INDA Adams, long time life member of the Music City Unit in TN. Could use our cards and prayers as she was in the Signature Healthcare Facility in Madison, TN. 431 Larkin Springs Rd. Madison, TN 37215.

CHERREL Barnett, President of the Holiday Unit in Florida lost both a brother and a sister recently; Cards of encouragement for her may go to: 10174 Frierson Lake Drive, Hudson, Florida. 34669.

North Shore Queens Unit member, Joan Marie della Badia needed our prayers for her new grandson who had to stay in the NICU for a short while. He is now home with his parents. We wish him a wonderful life.

Dept of Colorado President, Holly Price, lost her husband Phil after a long health battle. Cards of condolence may be sent to; 2100 Ellis St. Golden, CO. 80401.

Spring Hill, Florida Unit member, Rose Marie Vacca lost her husband. Cards of condolence for her go to: 7928 Flokstone Street, Weeki Wachee, Florida, 34613.

Prayers were requested for the husband of Mitzy Abeyta from the Dept of Colorado, Her husband, Steve was in the hospital with lung and breathing issues.

Keep Assistant National Chaplain, Tracey Killiger in your prayers as she goes through her rounds of Chemo and then eventually radiation. Her address is: 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy. S. Chambersburg, PA 17201.

A COUPLE OWNED A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, HALF OF WHICH THE HUSBAND USED FOR HIS DENTAL PRACTICE FOR 15 YEARS, THEY HAD EXPERIENCED NO DIFFICULTY IN RENTING THE OTHER HALF. THEY COUNTED ON THE EXTRA MONEY TO PAY THEIR BILLS. THEN ONE DAY THEY LOST THEIR RENTER. A REAL ESTATE AGENT TOLD THEM TO FORGET ADVERTISING FOR AWHILE AS NO ONE WAS RENTING.

TO EASE THE FINANCIAL WORRIES THE WIFE STARTED SWIMMING LAPS AT THE LOCAL YMCA. ONE DAY SHE WAS FEELING ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS AND DECIDED TO PRAY AS SHE SWAM, USING THE ALPHABET TO KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF LAPS. SHE FOCUSED ON ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE GOD, STARTING WITH THE LETTER A. YOU ARE THE ALMIGHTY GOD, A BENEVOLENT GOD, YOU ARE A CARING GOD AND SO ON...BY THE TIME SHE HAD COMPLETED 26 LAPS AN HOUR HAD PASSED AND HER FEAR WAS GONE. SHE KNEW GOD WOULD PROVIDE.

A SHORT TIME LATER, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST CALLED TO ASK IF HE COULD RENT THE SPACE, HAVING SEEN THE FOR RENT SIGN IN THE WINDOW. IT WAS JUST THE SPACE HE NEEDED. THE WIFE STILL PRAYS WHILE SWIMMING LAPS. AFTER ALL SHE SAYS" I HAVE DISCOVERED GOD'S GOODNESS STRETCHES FROM A TO Z.

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. MATTHEW 19:26

As always, prayers for all our members would be welcome as we never know who is suffering alone.

BLESSINGS TO ALL- NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN ,PNP BARBARA NOBILE



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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.mclnationalconvention2019.com/index.php>
for more information



Application for membership of _____
(Print Name)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.

Date _____

I herewith make application for membership in the _____
Unit, Department of _____

BASIS OF ELIGIBILITY: (circle one) Wife, Widow, Mother, Grandmother, Stepmother, Sister, Daughter, Granddaughter, Stepdaughter, Daughter-in-law, Aunt, Niece, Mother-in-Law, Sister-in-Law or Woman Marine (Former, Active or Reserves) of _____, a Marine or FMF Corpsman (circle one), who does/does not (circle one) belong to _____
(Name of Marine or FMF Corpsman)
_____ Detachment of the Marine Corps League.
(Name of Detachment)

Mustering in date _____ Place _____
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Deceased date _____ Place _____

Have you ever belonged to the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY before? _____
If so, what Unit? _____ Department of _____
Date last dues were paid? _____ in _____ Unit

AUXILIARY RECRUITER _____ (Current Auxiliary Member) _____ (Applicant's Signature)
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Other _____
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