

Marine Corps League Auxiliary



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National President Linda Chamberlain



Ladies -

June – a time for weddings, Flag Day, Father's Day, and many Department Conventions, speaking of which, by now everyone should have submitted their volunteer hours to their Department Chairs.

Unfortunately, some Units do not submit hours to their Departments. Ladies, whether you realize it or not, you DO volunteer. Surely you have done one of the following between May 1–April 30: Participate in a Memorial Day ceremony, fly the flag, help put flags on the grave of our veterans for Veterans Day or Memorial Day, teach Sunday School, work with the Boy or Girl Scouts or the Young Marines, donate clothes to the needy or a thrift shop, vote, attend Auxiliary Unit, Department or National meetings? I could go on and on, but hopefully you get the picture. It's not too late if you haven't yet submitted your hours to your Department Chairs. There is still time, since volunteer hours aren't due to the National Chairs until July 1. If you don't have a Department, you can submit your volunteer hours directly to the appropriate Chair whose contact information will be listed in this month's Newsletter. During the National Convention I will be reporting to the League the hours we Auxiliary members have volunteered.



National President (Con't)

Speaking of conventions, the Oklahoma Convention Committee has been hard at work to ensure each of us has an enjoyable and memorable time at this year's convention in Oklahoma City. One event will be the Not-So-Talented Talent Show. I have seen the list of performers, but what I have not seen is participation from the Auxiliary. As I mentioned in the May Newsletter, I am game if you are. I think we as a group could do justice to "We Are Family," which could encourage some audience participation. The words will be made available for us to lip sync. So, are there three of my Auxiliary Sisters who are willing to join me?

While on the subject of the National Convention, if you have not made your banquet reservations and are planning to attend, please do so as soon as possible. Tables are filling up quickly and the committee would like to accommodate all those who would like to attend. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION. Currently, I do not have any information on trips, but please check the League's website at www.mclnational.org and click on Convention Host Committee Website.

Before I close for this month, I would like to congratulate National Junior Vice President Mary Brief for a job well done in updating our Starter Kit and taking time from her family to conduct Zoom calls with the Division Vice Presidents and their Assistants to ensure they were aware of and understood the starter kits. She also provided instructions to each DVP for them to share with the Units in their Division on how to file for their incorporation and any other certifications they may need as a not-for-profit organization. I have heard nothing but positive comments from the attendees.

Please wish a Happy Father's Day to all the male members of your family from me and remember Flag Day on June 14th.

Until next time, stay safe and safe travels.

Semper Fidelis,

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**We may not have it all together, but
together we have it all, and together we
can make anything happen.**



Indiantown Gap, PA



*Wreath Placement at
Arlington with Chief DD
Sanning*



*Madam President
at Arlington*



*Memorial Day Ceremony 2023 at
Arlington National Cemetery*



*Chief of Staff PNP Moyse and
Madam President*

I cannot believe how fast the days have flown by. It will soon be time to gather for the National Convention. Each Unit president should soon be receiving a copy of the proposed bylaws changes. Please study each proposal and share the information with the members of your Unit so your delegate members will know how you wish them to vote when the proposed change comes to the floor at Convention. Keep in mind that, unless a roll call vote is requested, each member in attendance has one vote.



Many issues that have come to me can be solved using the "GOLDEN RULE," a general rule for how we should behave that says we should treat people the way we would want to be treated. We must be supportive and respectful of others and their opinions. We must remember it is not just one person that makes up this Auxiliary, but many with the same purpose and passion for serving our veterans and our communities.

When presenting something to the body, please keep in mind that the way it is presented or the tone of our voice can change the perception or understanding of what we are trying to get across. Sometimes we can become so focused on the little things that we forget what the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is about. It is the purpose of this Auxiliary to band together in comradeship and friendship with others with a common aim.

Darlene MacCubbin



The Colorado MCLA units have been busy the past few months. The Windsor Marines Unit under the direction of new president Paula Sarlls has been working hard to get back to being a working unit. Lack of active members has made this a work in progress. The Frank J. Carroll Unit under the direction of new president Leigh Kim is also working very hard planning new events and trying to be a more active unit. Our Pikes Peak Unit has been doing their first major fund raiser. Selling Little Cesar Pizza kits. The Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit is always busy due to Debby Krueger's planning skills.

We Just completed our Department of Colorado 2023 MCLA Convention which was held May 5th and 6th. Friday afternoon we hosted the Operation Little Angels donation recipient. An informal round table style discussion was held making for a very informative question and answer session. Our Flea Scratch was held Friday night. A Gardening party complete with chicken sandwiches, fruit and vegetable tray and a dirt cake with "worms" was our meal before decorating clay pots and planting flowers to take home. Judy Brink, our "go to" party planner and Debby Krueger were to thank for this awesome idea.



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Presentation



2023 Department Convention

The 2023 MCLA Department meeting was held on Saturday where we held our election of officers. Officers were installed by unexpected guest Darlene McCubbin, National MCLA J.A. Saturday night was the banquet where Judy Brink was honored as the 2023 MCLA Auxiliary Member of the Year. We are so proud of her!



2023 Elected Officers

June 2nd and 3rd will be our Rocky Mountain Division Conference in Saint George Utah. Last weekend in July will be our quarterly staff meeting and then on to National Convention in August.

Mitzy Abeyta



2023 AUX Member of the Year

JAMES H. PARKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP~ \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT KYLA GRIFFIN W.G. (BILL) HEFNER SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

by Evelyn Joppa

Each year the VAVS National Representative and the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary President present a small donation to the James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship. This year as the National VAVS Representative, I had this wonderful opportunity to make this presentation. Several youth volunteers are honored each year for their outstanding service to Veterans where various scholarship amounts are presented.

Ms. Kyla Griffin is a volunteer who truly believes in "Service before Self " She was born in Augusta, Georgia but now calls Concord, North Carolina home where she attends Cox Mill High School (Class of 2023). She has been a Salisbury VA Youth Volunteer since the summer of 2019 and has over 750 volunteer hours. She is passionate about helping Veterans and considers it a "Privilege" and "Honor" to volunteer to serve Veterans. Because of her character and compassion for Veterans, she was selected to represent North Carolina as a member of the VA's National Student Leadership Council (SLC). Being an SLC member and avid reader, allowed her to combine her passion for reading and her passion for Veterans.

She loves to read and has read over 1,000 books. She launched the first Veteran focused book club. Prior to starting the Veterans Book Club Ms. Griffin researched and found reading helps to slow the onset of dementia and can be used as a method to cope with PTSD or other addictions. Ms. Griffin's passion for volunteering extends into other activities. She volunteers at her church and spends time teaching kids how to do computer coding. In addition, she has helped plan and organize the first Girls in STEM Conference in Concord, NC for over 200 attendees and is in the planning stage of the second conference. Ms. Griffin plans to major in Computer Science. Among her various honors and achievements, she holds certifications in Adobe Photoshop, In Design, Dreamweaver, and Illustrator.



**John Brown ,
President of the
James A. Parke
Memorial Fund &
Evelyn Joppa
VAVS National
Representative**

She is a member of the Girls Who Code Club, Phi Theta Kappa, at Ro-wan Cabarrus Community College, National Technical Honor Society, National Honor Society and is a College Board African American Recognition Scholar. Ms. Griffin has volunteered in several areas at the VA and helped organize a blood drive with the SLC. She participated in numerous recreational activities to increase Veterans well-being.

Ms. Griffin is a world-changing, compassionate volunteer with a servant heart. It is no surprise that one of her favorite quotes is "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth. "Muhammad Ali. Ms. Griffin says volunteering at the VA has meant, "Making the lives of Veterans and others better, finding a community, and working hard to change the world just like my favorite book characters did. Ultimately it has meant finding who I am and being able to thrive in that identity. I am a leader. I am a changemaker. I am a volunteer and I plan to continue volunteering throughout the rest of my life. I plan to continue to make an impact on the lives of Veterans."



Bay Pines National VA Center Homeless Veterans Standdown

Morris Dixon MCLA Unit

President Donna Lewis

& member Evelyn Joppa

serving as Volunteers.

St Petersburg, Florida



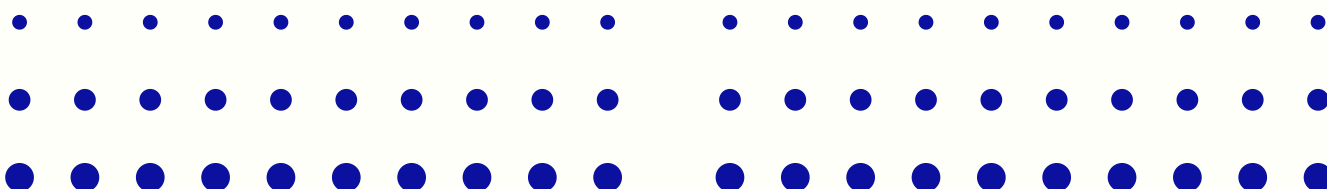
From Ramona's Desk:

Summer is finally here! I hope you all are enjoying the sunshine and beautiful blue skies.

For awareness: The office will be closed from June 5th - 7th. Please send me an email with any concerns or needs and I will get back to you as soon as I return.

A final reminder, all transmittals must be received by the end of June in order for your membership to be captured in the National Count.

Ramona Smith, National Secretary





Programs of Pride

THE VILLAGES UNIT, FLORIDA

NANCY CALLEJA

Six Auxiliary Sisters from THE VILLAGES UNIT, FL, created an all-girl team “Chicks With Bricks” to partner with Habitat For Humanity building two homes in Central Florida.

Our awesome Sisters Irene Lawrenson, Myra Crosby, Marilee Ellias, Kim Kelly, Diane Gerona and Vera Leonard hard at work.





Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be determined on the basis of Unit membership strength reported to and on record with National Headquarters on July 1st immediately preceding each National Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Unit shall be as follows: For the first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular Members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of fifteen (15) members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. Only members in good standing are eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate (based on membership as of June 30). PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Del/Alt/ Member	Name	City, State	Office Held (if applicable)	Amount Paid	Pre Reg Y / N
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Upon election, make three (3) copies and return immediately to National Headquarters, c/o National Secretary, P O Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038 no later than July 1 immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5 per Delegate, Alternate or Member to have credentials prepared in advance. Please Note: The cost for registration after July 1 and at Convention will be \$6 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at Convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

ENCLOSURE #1



BANNER FORM



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

UNIT / DEPARTMENT NAME

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS

PHONE and EMAIL

Please PRINT all information and return this form by July 1st to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
PO Box 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

Rehabilitation

I hope all is well with you all.

As we count the days left to prepare for Convention in Oklahoma City, I would like to remind all the Units and Departments that Activity Reports are due no later than July 1, 2023.

Department Chairs please make sure all your Units are included in your report with full activity and membership. Units without a Department please send reports directly to National Rehabilitation Chair.

Mail Reports to:

3337 Casa de Amigos Dr
Corpus Christi, TX 78411-3309

Ladies, thank you for all you do for our Veterans.

Rehabilitation Chair

Viola Trevino

Vtat47@yahoo.com



WE NEED YOUR HELP



Send to the following:

Americanism: Tracey Killinger, 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy S, Chambersburg, PA 17202-9202

Child Welfare: Teena Foster, 3888 Ricklyn Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-8673

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Karon Seguin, 9242 Wilson Road, Hildebran, NC 28637-8201

Rehabilitation: Viola Trevino, 3337 Casa De Amigos, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-3309

VAVS: Evelyn Joppa, 8617 Knob Hill Ct., New Port Richey, FL 34653-6728

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile



ELSIE MARTHA DETTMAN

21 April 2023 – North Star Unit, MN

Condolences to daughter, Bonnie Mauritz, Dept of Minnesota President:
710 Ames Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355

Twila Gensel, long time devoted MCLA member from PA had hip surgery. Cards of encouragement for her swift recovery may be sent to:
715 Ash Street, Watsontown, PA 17777.

All Divisions Unit member, Joanne Bryan lost her husband Rich this past month. During this very difficult time cards of care may be sent to her and the family at:
2100 Black Horse Drive, Warrington, PA 18974-2117.

Prayers are requested for Cliff and Kathy Stafford, from the Dept of Minnesota as they go through some serious health issues. Cards of encouragement may be sent to:
2328 Eagle Creek Blvd., Shakopee, MN 55379.

Carl Boggs and his daughter Jessica are in need of our condolences with the passing of Carl's wife Patsy, who passed away suddenly recently. Jessica is a member of the new unit in KY. Both her father and her brother were Marines and are members of the Lt. Col Vance Huston Unit and were instrumental in starting this new unit. Cards of may be sent to them at:
2056 St. Rt. 827, Greenup, KY 41144-6850.

CJ New, husband of Dept of Missouri member, Marilyn Kitchen New passed away after a long illness. Cards of condolence and care may be sent to her at:
53 Muirfield Point Court, St. Charles, MO 63304.

Central Division members needed our thoughts and prayers:

Whitewater Valley Unit President, Kathleen South could use a get well card from our members:
3309 Backmeyer Road, Richmond, Indiana, 47374-6735.

From that same unit, Ann Marriott Williamson needs our caring cards of get well.
711 S 34th Terre Haute, IN. 47803.

Cindy Sailing passed away from her battle with Cancer. Her sister, Pat Smith is the Dept of Indiana President. Cards of condolence -953 E SR 18, Brookston, IN. 47923-8847-- She was also the aunt to Deb Nelson, Dept of Indiana Treasurer. 2420 Meadow Drive, Lafayette, IN. 47909-2561.

David and NeTasha Loyd are mourning the passing of David's brother who passed away in his sleep. The Loyd's are very active members of the Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough unit and detachment in Cape Girardeau, MO. Cards of condolence may be sent to - RR2 Box 2423 Hwy. 72. Sedgewickville, MO. 63781-9708.

Ladies, I will be working on the final roll call for National convention very soon. I would ask that you double check that ALL death certificates have been sent in so the names may be reflected on the scroll. I would also ask that all Division Vices remember that I would appreciate your assistance with the Memorial Service by placing your rose on the altar.

**FLOURISH TODAY - DO SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF TODAY - TREAT YOURSELF TO SOMETHING SPECIAL
THAT YOU WOULD NOT NORMALLY DO - THIS MONTHS
PRAYER - FATHER, SET ME FREE TO LOVE MYSELF THAT I CAN
LOVE OTHERS MORE FULLY, AMEN.**

*PNP Barbara Nobile &
Linda Szura*



ELECTED OFFICERS

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Jr. Vice President Mary Brief
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Jr. PNP Evelyn Joppa

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