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National President Linda Chamberlain



Great News!!

Spring is just around the corner (not sure exactly which corner, but it is near). The days are getting longer, and my hyacinths and daffodils are awakening from their winter naps. Although today I am in weather shock; the temperature is only 38 and the winds make it feel more like 28. Yesterday it was 60. Oh well, that's Mother Nature for you.

I would like to start off this month's article by saying THANK YOU to my Senior Vice, Dotty Sanning, for arranging a lovely breakfast, and to thank those of you who attended the breakfast and for your most generous monetary gift. It was greatly appreciated. I appreciate every one of you and what you do for the Auxiliary. I am so honored to call you, my sisters.

What a great Mid-Winter Conference. First, because the weather was so nice (I guess the weather gods heard my prayers). Second, we had a total of forty-five (45) members in attendance, with six (6) of those being first-time attendees, one of whom I had the honor of initiating. Third, Ship Store sales were phenomenal. Thank you so much for your support. I am happy you liked the new items Ramona found for us. And, finally, for the camaraderie and sharing of knowledge and ideas – that's what the Mid-Winter Conference is all about.

Now that Mid-Winter is in the rear-view mirror, it is time for many of you to start thinking about Division conferences and Department conventions and, of course, our National Convention in August. It is also the time when some will be preparing to step down or move onto a new position. I know I have spoken and written about this previously, but ladies, I cannot stress enough the importance of knowledge sharing. If you do not already have a binder or a folder put together for your position, by all means start one.

Happy St Patrick's Day!

National President (Con't)

This tool can in many cases is someone's bible...a reference book, so to speak. Include a job description of sorts so they know what is expected of them, a schedule of when reports are due and what the report should include, a list of important phone numbers and email addresses and anything else you feel would make the transition easier or you feel is important for your successor to know. I cannot tell you how helpful the binders I received from my predecessor were as I made my journey to National President. This process starts at the Unit level, where it may be only a one- or two-page explanation to a little more detailed piece of information at the Department level, and so on. One should never assume that, just because someone attends meetings and hears reports of the officers, without some help or guidance, they know what the position entails.

I am looking forward to visiting with some of you in the next month or two and meeting members I have never had the pleasure of meeting previously.

Until next time, stay safe.

HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY
and HAPPY EASTER!

Semper Fidelis,

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Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc. Linda S. Chamberlain, National President

Ladies:

The Marine Corps League Public Relations Committee shared the following information with me regarding upcoming MCL Scuttlebutt Zoom sessions that might also be of interest to members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

These sessions are coordinated/facilitated/produced by the NPRC and hosted by the MCL National Commandant; attendance is open to ALL members of the MCL, and as appropriate MCLA members. Information is pushed out via email through the National/Division/Department/Detachment chain of command; and is also pushed out through social media.

All sessions begin, promptly, at 1900 (Eastern). Participants must log onto **www.Zoom.com** and click 'join meeting.' They will be prompted to enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 416 428 8328

Passcode: MCL2024

Schedule/Topic

Tuesday, March 12: MCL Scuttlebutt – **Tax/Donation Chat**

Tuesday, April 9: MCL Scuttlebutt – **Chapter Nine Discussion/Training**

Tuesday, May 14: MCL Scuttlebutt – **Pre-Planning – VA Death Benefits**

The **MCL Scuttlebutt** is a recorded session with guest presenters/speakers and a designated topic of discussion. These recordings are edited and posted to the MCL National *YouTube channel a few days following each session, for future viewing. These videos are available for anybody to access at www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague.

Ladies, please take advantage of this opportunity and mark your calendars. The sessions may not be applicable for everyone but the April 9th session may be of interest to Judge Advocates.

Thank you.

Linda S. Chamberlain, President
Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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INSPIRATION



The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is proud to welcome Mrs. Sue Strauss of the Hamilton-Walters Unit, Iowa who was sworn in during the Mid Winter Conference. A donation was also presented to Mr. Justin Smith and his brothers, Daniel and Cody (not pictured) for their volunteer support to the Auxiliary over the last three years.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Ladies, it's not too early to start thinking about Bylaw proposals. All proposed changes need to be submitted 90 days prior to our National Convention, so that they can be sent out for review with the appropriate Committees and Chairs.

The office will be closed from March 11-14. The phone will be forwarded to the National President for any questions you may have during that time.

*Ramona Smith
National Secretary*



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

As I am writing this article, I can not believe it is only 21 days until Spring. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine. Spring makes me think of new beginnings and cleaning up for a better start to the year.

I know many Units have their election of new officers in the Spring. Please be mindful that new officers must be installed within 30 days of the election or at the next scheduled meeting. This is covered in Bylaws Section 530.

It is also the president-elect who chooses her installing officer and the necessary staff. It is the responsibility of the installing officer to forward the installation form (ROI) to the proper authorities. This is covered in Administrative Procedures Section 620.



When electing your new officers, please keep in mind that a new or reinstated member must be a member for one year before holding an elected office and must be a new or reinstated member for three months before holding an appointed office. This is covered in Bylaws Section 630.

When is your Unit's Fiscal Year? Did you know that the fiscal year of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is July 1 to June 30 of each year? This means that all Departments, Units and Subsidiary/Subordinate Organizations shall have the same fiscal year. This is covered in Administrative Procedures Section 1035.

Having just returned from Mid-Winter makes me think of National Convention, which means it's time to be thinking about bylaws changes. Any member may submit a proposed revision, amendment or repeal within 90 days prior to the first day of the National Convention. With the first day of convention being August 12, 2024, the last day to submit is May 14, 2024.

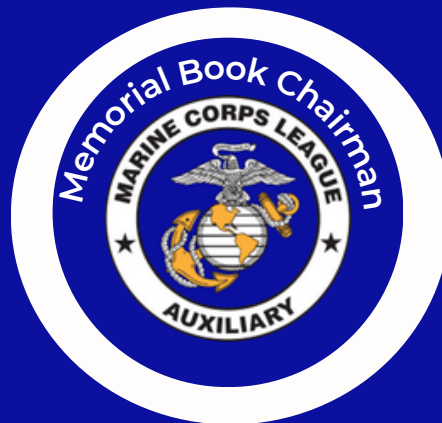
If you have any questions, I am always here to help. Feel free to contact me at smokielady2000@yahoo.com.

Darlene MacCubbin

As our National Convention is fast approaching, your memory books are a vital part of our time together. Future generations will look back on these pages and see all the wonderful accomplishments and service to our Veterans. Your book, through pictures and personal narrative, serves to inspire others with new ideas they can bring back to their units as well as instill a deep sense of pride in what has been accomplished over the year. Your guideline reference page is found in your Administrative Procedures, Enclosure #10 2019. Don't forget to include that page / form in the front of your memory book for submission.

Truly looking forward to seeing all your books at National Convention in August.

Semper Fi
Colleen English



Fleas,

As Flea Member of the Year Chairman, I am asking all Fleas to see who stands out in your Units. Who has gone above and beyond in their community. Helping with Flea activities, Little Angels and just having fun.

Please send me your Nominations no later than July 1, 2024

**To Debby Krueger
11824 Gray Ct Westminster, CO 80020-5991
kruegdeb@gmail.com**

Thank you

Debby



History Book Chair

As I prepare for the upcoming Central Division Conference, I have been thinking about ways to break the ice among the many auxiliary members that may not know our sisters from their own state, or other states in the division. A trivia quiz is one way to begin the interaction. There are the tried-and-true questions about the auxiliary, which we bring out each year. But I thought it might be nice to learn about our history. And then, I received an email informing me that I am a 1%er!

I relate this phrase to our active duty and veterans of the military services. Most people are aware that only 1% of our population have served in the Armed Forces to protect all of us. This is rather alarming overall, but since I have not served in that capacity, I have made it my personal mission to serve the veterans and to educate my community about their service and sacrifices made for our opportunities and freedoms.

So, how did I become a 1%er? Simply by being one of those born between 1930 and 1946 (worldwide) and surviving today. 99% of those born during that time are now dead. We are the last generation to climb out of the Great Depression. We remember the impact of a world at war and its effects on our daily lives. I still have a gas ration book in my name so that my parents could take me to the doctor. We had no television, so we played outside or read books. The Diary of Anne Frank is still a personal favorite. We listened to Hop Along Cassidy on Saturday radio. Evenings were quiet time as Dad and Grandpa listened to the news. We cherished photo albums and listened to stories about our ancestors and of their contributions to our community and the world. We relied on encyclopedias for facts and research. The internet was not even an idea to us. We were lucky to have a party line telephone. We learned to appreciate everything that we had, no matter how small and to dream of a future that would be rich and comfortable.

So, my mission now is to scour all material available about our history. The miracle of modern day, internet is my source. This is what I have so far: "The Marine Corps League Auxiliary was chartered on September 4, 1937, as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League, Inc. On August 25, 1950, the Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as an affiliate of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

The Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, Inc., and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this nation, young and old.”

We are: Patriotic, hold sacred the history and memory of those who have given their lives to this Nation, Fraternal-creating camaraderie between MCL and MCLA, educational- striving for favorable legislation for USMC, MCL and its personnel.

The internet, as wonderful and informative as it is, is woefully lacking in historic details beyond these mentioned, or interesting information about the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Now is the time to research our history as an organization, the people who shaped our past and helped to forge our future. I would like to encourage every Department and Unit begin or continue to build on your history books to preserve your history. Please bring them to National Convention in August for everyone to see. Please help me to begin documentation of our history for the National website. In the meantime, I will search for interesting trivia questions for my Conference.

Thank you for all that you do!

Ann LeClair
Central Division Vice President

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY
MEMORY BOOK FORM

Department/ Unit _____
City _____ State _____ Number of Members _____
(Please answer used for judging: 1 through 5, 0 being best) with the possibility of 0 points total.

MCLA logo should be included on cover and for title page _____
Book must be properly identified (unit/Department name, location, etc.) _____
Book must be read _____
Book should be photo album or scrapbook nature and not exceed 12"x12" _____
This form included in the back of the book _____
Table of Contents listed in chronological order _____
Items: _____
Name of Unit _____ Included _____ Date _____
Unit number _____ Phone area code _____ U.S. or U.S.A. _____
Identify all photos as to event, name persons (unit, what, where, when, who) _____
Try to have at least one MCLA member in each photo _____
Embroiderments may be used but must not distract from content _____
Monthly gifts, items sponsored by unit/Department for meetings, dinners, etc. _____
Photos should be included, if possible, when news items included _____

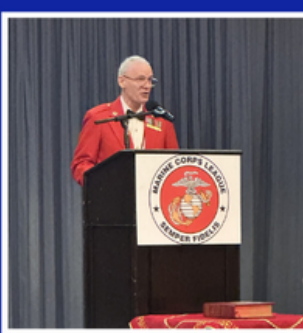
NAME _____
MEMORY BOOKS REPRESENT A VISUAL ACCOUNT OF MCLA RELATED EVENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND PROJECTS. THEY NEED NOT BE FULLY OR EXACTLY.
The book is to be submitted by end of January business center of the National Convention.

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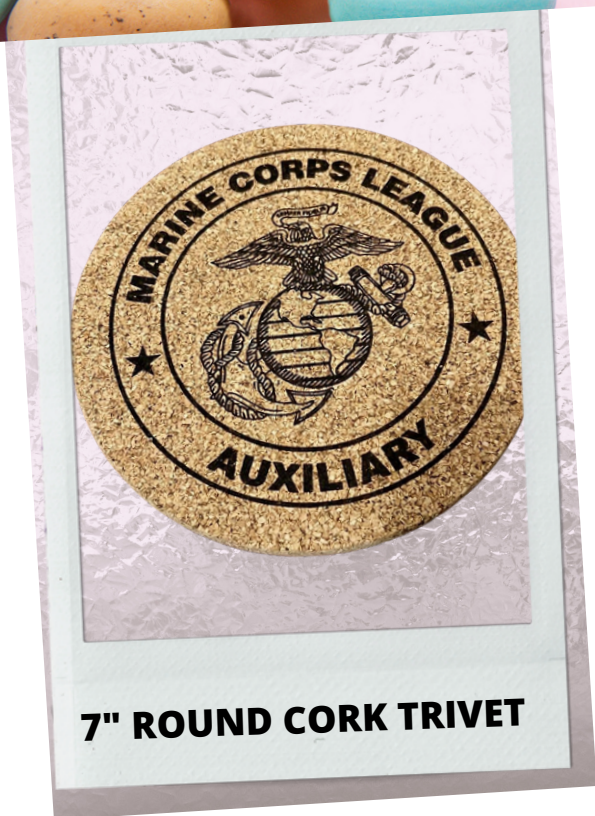
2024



MCLA Ship Store

Easter Edition

Thanks to all who supported the Ship Store during our Mid-Winter Conference. We had a wonderful sale and our new items really seemed to be a hit with everyone!



7" ROUND CORK TRIVET

SHIPS CREW: JUDY BLACKMER
& RAMONA SMITH



DICE CUP SET

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or Judy @ jbmarines_81@yahoo.com

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National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile

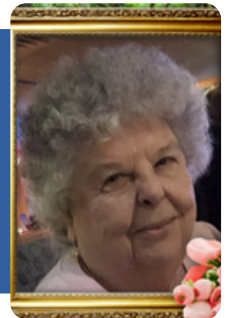


JUDY METZGER

8 February 2024 - Department of Iowa
Condolences to her daughter, Sherri Bomgarten, 210 Oak Street,
Waverly, IA 50677

MARGARET LOFTUS

13 February 2024 - James Earl Kennedy Unit, NJ
Condolences to her granddaughter, Kayleigh Smith,
420 Jefferson Ave., Edgewater Park, NJ 08010-2116



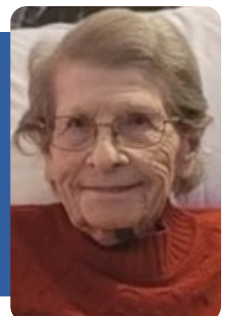
MARGUERITE MUCKEL

15 February 2024 - Semper Fidelis Unit, NJ
Condolences to her son, Dan Muckel, 909 Clements Bridge,
Barrington, NJ. 08007-1432



ROSLAIE JOAN DEVLIN

20 February 2024 - All Divisions Unit, PA
Condolences to her daughter, Judy Wonderly, 22622
Deep Woods Road, Milton, DE 19968-3368



Prayers are still needed for Karen Mastriana, Dept of Pa. following her double mastectomy surgery. Her hubby, Mike is having chemo treatments for his colon cancer. This dear Marine couple could use our powerful prayers. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them - 940 Mary St., Mt. Joy, PA 17552.

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Norma Tobin, wife of Past National Commandant, Dennis Tobin, suffered some scary hours during Midwinter. Her blood pressure took a dive causing it to look as if she had suffered a stroke. That was not the issue and she was sent home with more meds to control her pressure. I am sure greetings would be welcome - 623 Rapid Falls Dr., Brandon, FL 33511.

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All Divisions Unit, PA .member, Joanne Bryan had reverse shoulder surgery. All went well but she will not be driving for several weeks. Cards of cheer might make the time go faster - 2100 Black Horse Dr., Warrington, PA 18974-2117.

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Whitewater Valley Unit members from Indiana could use our cards and prayers. Theresa Clark- wishing her well following treatment at - The Ohio State Univ. Ross Heart Center, 6891 South Abington Pike, Brownsville, IN 47325.

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Hopefully by the time you read this, Ann Marriott Williamson will have her pacemaker. She had been awaiting surgery. Cards of cheer for her - 711 South 34th, Terre Haute, IN 47803.

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Tami Williams is recovering from surgery, is at home - 417 SW 5th, Richmond, IN 47374.

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Thinking of you card for long time Colorado MCLA member, Tommie Coleman, would be greatly appreciated - 5419 S. Huron Way, Littleton, CO 80120-1429.

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NJ, MCLA member, Janet Misak is having her second round of chemo. I know prayers and best wishes would be welcome. 55 Gordon Ave. Fords, NJ 08863-1803.

Carol Martin, PDD from Illinois lost her Marine husband, Tim Martin on Jan. 21, 2024. They were HS sweethearts and married 55 years. Both were very active for over 50 years. Cards of condolence may be sent to - 10421 Hussund Dr., Rock Falls, IL. 61071-0708.

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Neil Corley, husband of Dept of PA member, Carol Corley, had a bad fall. Prayers for a quick recovery are requested.

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Lola Cochran sends out beautiful cards to many of us, now she needs them as she has a compound fracture in her left femur. Let's shower her with cards of good cheer - 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL 60209.

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Kim Rolands needs our prayers after the passing of Royce Roland, a long-time member of the Bloomfield Detachment, Cards may be sent to her at - 567 S. Blaina Ave., Minden, NE 68958- 2115.

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Emilia Wingert is experiencing a great deal of stress due to several personal issues as well as back issues and a great deal of pain. Cards of encouragement and cheer - 7199 E. Mississippi Ave. 32-201, Denver, CO 80224.

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As always, I ask that you check in on members you may not have seen or heard from in a while and keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Many are suffering and have no one to comfort them. Be a good sister/member and say a prayer for all.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile



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