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National President
Mary Brief



November is a month that gives us many reasons to pause, reflect and be grateful for the many blessings we share as members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and the freedoms we enjoy because of the sacrifices of our nation's veterans and active-duty service members.

November is a month rich with military observances. We begin by celebrating the 251st Birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th, honoring the proud legacy, courage, and commitment of Marines past and present. The following day, Veterans Day on November 11th, provides all Americans an opportunity to recognize and thank those who have worn our nation's uniform in service to our country.

These observances remind us why our mission remains so important. Through our work, volunteer efforts, and support of veterans, Marines, and their families, we continue to demonstrate the values of service, patriotism, and commitment that define our organization.

Thanksgiving will soon be here, I encourage each of you to take time to appreciate family, friends, and the blessings we often take for granted. It is also a wonderful opportunity to remember those who may be facing challenges, loneliness, or hardship. A kind word, a visit, or a helping hand can make a tremendous difference in someone's life.

November also signals the beginning of our preparations for the season of giving. As we move toward December, many Units will be supporting Toys for Tots, charitable projects, veterans' assistance programs, holiday food drives, and efforts to bring joy to families and children during the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for the generosity and compassion you so willingly share with your communities. Together, we continue to make a positive impact wherever we serve.

Happy 251st Birthday USMC

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS · SEMPER FI

I would also like to encourage all members to consider attending the 2027 National Mid-Winter Conference, which will be held February 25-27, 2027, at The Founders Inn & Spa, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The hotel reservation cutoff date is January 25, 2027. Information, hotel reservations, conference registration, and banquet ticket details are available through our national website at www.nationalmcla.org and the conference information page.

While Mid-Winter is viewed as a staff meeting, I want to remind everyone that you still have a voice. Attending provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about our organization, gain leadership knowledge, share ideas, and build relationships with members from across the country. Whether you are a new member or a seasoned leader, the experience is invaluable. If you plan to attend, please book your room and purchase your banquet tickets as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do to support our Marines, veterans, and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. May you and your families enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful beginning to the holiday season.

Mary Brief

National President
Marine Corps League Auxiliary
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From Ramona's Desk:

November 2026



November is here! I don't know about you, but this time of year always seems to make me slow down just a little and think about the things I am most thankful for. The cooler temperatures, beautiful fall colors, family gatherings, and, of course, all the good food that comes with Thanksgiving make November a special month.

November also gives us a few important dates to remember.

We can't let November pass without wishing all of our Marines a very **Happy Marine Corps Birthday! Semper Fi!** 🇺🇸🎂

November 10 is a day filled with tradition, memories, and a lot of pride. Whether you're attending a Birthday Ball, celebrating with your Marine family, or simply raising a glass and saying "Happy Birthday," I hope you enjoy the day and all that it represents.

Just one day later, we celebrate Veterans Day. Please take a moment to thank the veterans in your life for their service and sacrifices.

Sometimes a simple "Thank you for your service" or a few minutes spent listening to a veteran's story can mean so much. I hope each of us will find a way to recognize and appreciate a veteran this November.

Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here! Thursday, November 26 will bring families and friends together around tables filled with turkey, stuffing, pies, and probably a few family stories we've heard a hundred times before!

As we gather with those we love, I hope we remember just how fortunate we are to have the people in our lives who make us laugh, support us, and create memories with us.

I know I have much to be thankful for, and I am especially thankful for the wonderful people I have had the opportunity to meet through our organization. The friendships we make along the way are truly one of the best parts of what we do.

FUN NOVEMBER DATES

🍂 November 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends — don't forget to turn those clocks back!
🎂 November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
🇺🇸 November 11 – Veterans Day
🥧 November 26 – Thanksgiving
🛍️ November 27 – Black Friday
💻 November 30 – Cyber Monday

Don't Forget About MidWinter!

Before we get too caught up in Thanksgiving, Christmas shopping, and all the craziness that comes with the holidays, I want to remind everyone about MidWinter 2027 registration!

📅 February 25–27, 2027
📍 The Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach, Virginia

I hope many of you will make plans to join us. MidWinter is always a great opportunity to get together, catch up with friends we haven't seen in a while, meet new people, and enjoy some time together.

Registration Deadline: January 25, 2027

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Virginia Beach in February. I hope to see you there!

From my family to yours, I hope you have a wonderful November filled with family, friends, laughter, and many reasons to be thankful.

Enjoy the beautiful fall season, take time to appreciate the people around you, and don't forget to make a few memories along the way.

Happy Marine Corps Birthday, Happy Veterans Day, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Until next month, stay safe, stay warm, and keep smiling!

Ramona Smith

National Secretary

Every Member is Valuable

No matter how many members are in your Auxiliary, every member is valuable. Whether she is 16 or 96 there should always be a place for her to feel a part of your unit.

I know by now most of you have heard that my mom passed away on the 3rd of October. She was one of our charter members and when we had a function, she was always willing to be a part of it in some way no matter how small. When her disease kept her from getting out of the house, she became our “Coupon Coordinator”. We would all save the manufacturer coupons; she would cut them out and mail them to the overseas stations.At Christmas time we included her in stuffing stockings for our local Veterans hospital. We know it wasn’t much, but to her it was everything.

In reading this I’m sure you have in mind someone in your unit who could be your stocking stuffer or coupon coordinator. Everyone wants to feel that they are useful part of an organization and that’s what keeps the spark going for them to be a part of our wonderful Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

To all the Auxiliary sisters out there, I wanted to say thank you for all the heartfelt cards and letters during this most difficult time for my family and how grateful I am for your support.

Semper Fi,

Lynn Cortright
National JR Vice
Holy City Unit, SC

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NATIONAL COMPTROLLER AND NATIONAL SECRETARY

Do you know what time of year it is?

While it is time for leaves turning, raking up the fallen leaves, pumpkin picking, and trick or treating, the time of year we are talking about is **LIFE MEMBER CHECK DISTRIBUTION TIME.**

With that said, we want to remind everyone that in compliance with our National Bylaws, Article 6, Members, Section 645 Life Members (4), checks are **valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date written on the check. AFTER THAT PERIOD, CHECKS ARE CONSIDERED VOID AND WILL NOT BE HONORED.** This means that if you do not deposit your Life Member check within ninety (90) days of the date on the check, **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DEPOSIT THE CHECK.** Last year we had a Unit who held their check until July. By that time, our National Secretary, Ramona, had already closed the books and was preparing the financial statements for the auditors. This resulted in her having to go back and amend the financials. Because it is cost prohibitive for us to put a stop payment on checks that are past the time limit, we are asking you the Treasurers to do your due diligence and deposit the checks in a timely manner.

Checks **will not be processed** for any Department or Unit **who does not have a current Installation of Officers Report on file in the National Office.** The Treasurer information on this document is what is used for mailing out the Life Member Checks. **IF** your treasurer has changed, or **IF** she has changed her address, please be sure this information is communicated to National Headquarters by submitting an UPDATED or REVISED Installation of Officers Report.

If you are due a Life Member Check and have not received your check by no later than December 1st, PLEASE contact National Headquarters and let Ramona know so she can void the missing check and issue you a new check. The ninety (90) day rule will still apply to the reissued check.

Finally, if your Unit or Department does not want their Life Member check, please write **VOID** across the check and return it to National Headquarters. We thank those Units who donated their checks back to Headquarters last year.

This is your money! Some Units or Departments rely on these funds to help cover their operating expenses throughout the year. So why would you not deposit the check within a reasonable amount of time upon receipt? By holding onto the check, you run the risk of it being lost or accidentally thrown out, and believe me it is not going to gain any interest sitting on your table or desk until you get around to going to the bank.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either National Secretary Ramona Smith or myself.

Semper Fidelis

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain, National Comptroller – ssgtnwife@verizon.net
Ramona B. Smith, National Secretary – mclahq@nationalmcla.org

Midwest Division

Greetings, Auxiliary Members,

As we prepare for the fall and winter seasons, and before summer comes roaring back again, it is important that we continue planning and preparing for the months ahead, wherever you may be.

All National Vice Department Presidents are required to convene at least one Division Conference each year. These conferences provide an opportunity to address Division concerns, share ideas, and work together on solutions. Please collaborate with your Units and Departments to better understand their needs, concerns, and perspectives on current issues.

We must also make every effort to establish new Units and Departments while strengthening those already in place. Recruitment and retention are essential to achieving this goal. Both the Division Vice President and Assistant Vice President are available to assist with these efforts. Continued growth and development are vital to the success and enhancement of our Units, Departments, and Divisions.

By working together and setting meaningful goals, we can continue to grow our organization and build a stronger future. Through cooperation, communication, and commitment, we can make a positive difference and achieve great things.

Semper Fi,

Jan Crowe

Midwest Division Vice President



NORTHEAST DIVISION

From the Vice President



Hello everyone from the chilly Northeast, our nights are getting cooler as we transition more into Fall towards Winter. This time of year, always is our fresh start from what we learned from National Convention and now take home to our Dept. meetings.

Here in the Northeast, we are all preparing and holding our Dept. meetings, I personally look forward to seeing my fellow sisters each quarter and reminiscence. We are already geared up and our toys for tot's campaigns are underway. As some of us help with the toys for tot's, others help with the Marine Corps Ball or Bash, some do Veteran Day events. Whatever we do or where we are, we all have the mission of helping our veterans and others. What a great group of ladies, give you all applause.

As we enter the Holiday season, the Northeast Division hopes if you are traveling to be safe and Have great Holidays with family and friends. Remember our angels are always near when we need them.

Semper Fidelis,

PDP Karen Mastriania
Northeast Division Vice President

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

Child Welfare Report



Happy Fall, MCLA Members!

One of the highlights of this season is the Toys for Tots campaign. We all know the countless hours that our members dedicate each year to making this program a success, and those volunteer hours may be reported under the Child Welfare Committee.

In addition to Toys for Tots, there are many other activities that support children and youth where volunteer hours may be recorded. Some examples include:

- Camp Fire programs
- Little League and youth sports programs
- School organizations, including PTA and PTO programs
- Young Marines
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout events
- Church activities, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School
- Special Olympics

These are just a few examples from the Child Welfare reporting worksheet. The reporting period for Child Welfare hours runs from May 1 through April 30 each year. All reports must be submitted to the National Committee Chair no later than July 1 by your Department, or if no department exists, directly from your Unit using the proper cover sheets.

It is important to keep accurate records of your volunteer service throughout the year. Whether you use a calendar, notebook, spreadsheet, or the Volunteer Hours Sheet available on the website, maintaining good records will make reporting much easier when it is time to submit your hours.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting children and families in your communities. Every hour volunteered helps make a positive impact and reflects the Marine Corps League Auxiliary's commitment to service.

I look forward to working with this committee and serving as your Child Welfare Chair.

Respectfully,

NeTasha Loyd
Child Welfare Chair

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NeTasha Loyd
Teena Foster

INSPIRATION

Jan Crowe and Darlene MacCubbin at Toys for Tots Training in St. Louis, Missouri — where the skills learned today become the joy of a child's Christmas tomorrow.



MEMBER'S NAME ________________ **MONTH** ________________

Samples of your donation are listed below. I know that everyone donates a lot more than they say they do. Remember if you are going to an event, the miles and time starts **when you leave your home**. Remember, you can only claim mileage if you are driving (if you have other members with you or you go with other members you can claim hours but not mileage).

CIVICS REPORT (CIV) – American Cancer Society, Fire/Ambulance/Police, Leukemia Society, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Christmas Seals, Church funds, Disaster Victims (Basically local or nationwide organizations)

CHILD WELFARE (CW) – Little League, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, Young Marines, Youth Physical Fitness, Nat'l/Dept/Detach/Unit Scholarship Funds, Children's Day Care (Basically anything that involves children)

AMERICANISM (AM) – Participate in parades, voting, Marine Corps Ball (decorating/attending), writing letter to congressman on veteran's issues, displaying American Flag (must be seen by public), helping veterans (can't be immediate family), members service on other local committees (21 day retreat), and attending Auxiliary meetings.

VAVS (VA) – Time spent at the VA hospital playing bingo, refreshments served or any other events at VA

REHAB (R) – Purchasing groceries for a needy veteran or their family, clothing to needy veteran's family , taking Veterans to doctor's appointments, giving clothing to needy veteran's family or State funded Veteran's Home (**cannot be immediate family**).

Report	Activity (Brief Description)	Times	Hours	Mileage	Donations

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

Rehabilitation



Rehabilitation is the process of helping individuals regain independence and improve their quality of life through vocational, therapeutic, educational, or supportive services. It focuses on restoring function, building skills, and assisting individuals in reaching their fullest potential within the limits of their abilities.

For many Veterans and their families, rehabilitation is not just a program. It is a part of daily life. Whether recovering from illness or injury, adapting to physical limitations, or overcoming other challenges, many Veterans rely on the support and compassion of others to help them move forward.

As members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, there are many ways we can make a difference. Consider how you might be able to assist a Veteran or their family:

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Help with fuel, rent, utilities, or groceries.
- Provide or arrange transportation to medical or dental appointments.
- Prepare and deliver meals.
- Visit a Veteran who may be homebound or in a care facility.

Across the country, Marine Corps League Detachments and Marine Corps League Auxiliary Units have supported Veterans and Service Members by providing care packages, lap quilts, books, warm clothing, and other comfort items to those in need. These acts of kindness, no matter how small, can have a lasting impact.

Reporting Rehabilitation Hours

As a reminder, only volunteer service that you personally perform may be reported as Rehabilitation volunteer hours. While the contributions of family members are appreciated and encouraged, hours completed by family members cannot be claimed or reported under your name. Accurate reporting helps maintain the integrity of our program and ensures proper recognition is given to those performing the service.

Thank you for your continued dedication, compassion, and service to our Veterans and their families.

Semper Fi and God Bless,

Jan Crowe
Midwest Division Vice President

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

Legislative News



Hello Members, each month the Legislative Committee shares legislation currently in consideration in the U.S. Congress. The MCLA has no opinion on the legislation.

H.R. 1971 Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include adaptive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other recreational activities in the medical services furnished to eligible veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SUMMARY

This bill includes adaptive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other recreational activities within the definition of medical services under the laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Under the bill, these artificial limbs must be furnished as medical services to eligible veterans.

Sponsor: Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1] (Introduced 03/10/2025)
Latest Action: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote 03/25/2025

S. 1032 Major Richard Star Act

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with combat-related disabilities, and for other purposes.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a veteran with a combat-related disability to receive retirement pay, without reduction, concurrently with their disability compensation. This includes veterans with a combat-related disability and fewer than 20 years of creditable service. (Currently, veterans who receive combat-related special compensation and retirement pay are subject to an offset in retirement pay for concurrent receipt of such benefits.)

Sponsor: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] (Introduced 03/13/2025)
Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

> ***To express your opinion on H.R. 1971 or S. 1032 contact your Senator or Congress member. To find out who your members are go to Senate.gov or House.gov and search.***

Lisa Fountain
MCLA Legislative Committee Chairman

Quotes from the U.S. Founding Fathers

"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite."

James Madison



National EIN and Incorporation Chair

Greetings, Auxiliary Members,

With November approaching, please check that your Unit or Department's annual IRS filing is complete. For organizations with a June 30 fiscal year end, this year's regular Form 990-series deadline is **Monday, November 16, 2026**, because November 15 falls on a Sunday.

Thank you to the Unit and Department officers who have sent filing confirmations and helped me resolve questions about your records. As of October 26, our national tracker includes 99 active organizations: 81 Units and 18 Departments. Of those, 72 are listed as compliant, or 72.7 percent. Twenty-seven still need attention: 23 are noncompliant and four need review.

We are making progress. Comparing the same 92 organizations in September 2025 and October 2026, the number current on both 990 and state records increased from 62 to 71. That is an increase from 67.4 percent to 77.2 percent, or 9.8 percentage points and a 14.5 percent relative improvement.

From August 1 through October 26, 15 follow-up items were resolved across 14 Auxiliary organizations. Nine correction letters are documented as sent, including eight since August 1 and one from July. That total includes requests still awaiting IRS processing, so letters sent should not be confused with corrections approved.

Please remember to send your filing confirmations through the proper channels. Unit Treasurers send IRS filing acceptances and state filing confirmations to their Department Treasurer, who retains a copy and forwards the Unit records to National Headquarters, the Division Vice President, and me. Department Treasurers also send their Department's confirmations to National Headquarters, the Division Vice President and me. Units without a Department send their confirmations directly to National Headquarters, their Division Vice President, and me.

As National EIN and Incorporation Chair, I am here to help you work through filing questions. I coordinate with the National Secretary on new Units and Departments and group exemption matters so National Headquarters maintains the central records. I also maintain the Compliance Help Center, with tracker access limited to authorized officers, Division Vice Presidents, and their assistants. Records are updated at least quarterly and more often as new information becomes available.

If I contact you about a missing record, please respond even if you have already filed. The acceptance confirmation may be all that is needed to clear the question. You are welcome to email or text me for help. If you call and I do not answer, please leave a voicemail because service at work can be limited.
Thank you for all you do in support of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Semper Fidelis,

Sarah Covert

National EIN and Incorporation Chair
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NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Founders Inn & Spa Tapestry Collection by Hilton · February 24–28, 2027



It is a little over 4 months until the National Midwinter Conference. Have you made your hotel reservation yet? Registered or purchased your banquet ticket? What are you waiting for?

HOTEL

Founders Inn & Spa Tapestry Collection by Hilton
5641 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

RATE & DATES

$124.00 + 17% tax = $145.08
Breakfast $16 per person · Free parking
Check in 4 PM · Check out 11 AM
Check in Feb 24 · Check out Feb 28
Meeting dates Feb 25–27, 2027

GETTING THERE

Airport shuttle from Norfolk International Airport. Call the Inn at 757-424-5511 with your arrival time.
Shuttle cost $15 per person.

AMENITIES

Mini refrigerator, coffee/tea maker, iron and ironing board, flat screen TV, free Wi-Fi, in-room safe. Small pantry store off the lobby.

BOOK ONLINE

All reservations are made through the MCL website: www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference — scroll down to book your hotel, register, and purchase your banquet ticket.

DEPOSIT POLICY

Room reservations require a first night deposit or a major credit card. Refundable if canceled 72 hours before arrival with a confirmation number.

CONFERENCE AD BOOK

Conference ads are placed online through the MCL website. Last day for ad submissions is February 1, 2027.

LAST DAY TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL · MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2027

DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY — all reservations must be made through the MCL site.

I hope you have found this information helpful. I will share 2027 National Convention details after the first of the year. If you are planning on attending the National Convention in Buffalo, New York in August and have not made your hotel reservation yet, please do so as soon as possible through the MCL website.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Virginia Beach in February.

Semper Fidelis,

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain, MCLA Convention Liaison

MLCA HEADQUARTERS Project

The MCLA Project Headquarters Committee congratulates our 2026 National Convention raffle winners!



Kyle McIntyre
Past National President Dotty Sanning, Kyle McIntyre, Jan Crowe.
Jan Crowe sold the winning ticket to Kyle.
He won $100.



Rick Elliott
Past National President Dotty Sanning, Rick Elliott, Jan Crowe.
Jan Crowe sold the winning ticket to Rick.
He won $500.

Not pictured: Maxine Taylor
Adrienne James from Montford Point, MI sold the winning ticket to Maxine Taylor. She won $250.



Please check upcoming newsletters for additional fundraising opportunities.

Darlene MacCubbin – HQ Project Committee Chair
Committee Members: Angela Pitts, Patti Morgan, Marti Kline, Tina Harvey and Kimberly Clemons

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY INC

Hey Team!

Rallying support for our mission — help us enhance community programs and events.



Our Double Good fundraiser runs from November 12 – November 19. We're selling Double Good's award-winning popcorn and earning 50% of every sale.

DATES

Nov 12 – Nov 19

EARN

50% of every sale

Visit our fundraising page

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Darlene MacCubbin

Sr Vice President

National Marine Corps League Auxiliary

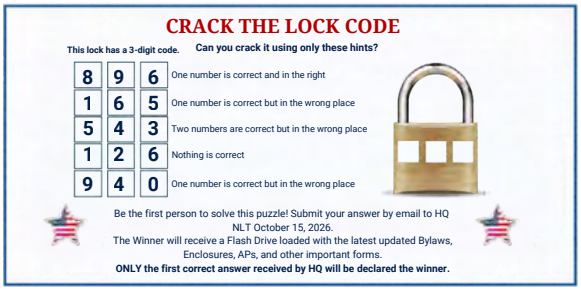
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November Trivia

The Inflatable Debut: The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924, but it didn't feature its signature giant balloons until three years later. Who was the very first character balloon to float down the streets of New York City in 1927?

Be the first person to submit the correct answer to HQ
NLT November 15, 2026.
The Winner will receive a giftcard!
ONLY the first correct answer received by HQ will be declared the winner.

🧩 *Puzzle Winner!* 🎉



The code has been cracked!

Congratulations to **Karen Neary**, who was the **first person to submit the correct combination — 854!** 🔐🎉

Karen will be receiving a **thumb drive** as her prize.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to play along with our newsletter puzzle. We had some great guesses, and it was wonderful to see everyone putting their detective skills to work!

Keep an eye out for our next puzzle - you never know when another challenge might come your way! 😉

MW DIV Little Black Dress Event



Unit member from Larry Nehring Marti Kline played a fun game with girls



Buffy Tomlin from Missouri MCLA member and Marsha Meyer daughter of PNP Barb Nobile aux member from Iowa



National SR VP Darlene MacCubbin, PNP Jackie Hunter, MW DIV VP Jan Crowe and PNP Barb Nobile chair of the little black dress event



The annual little black dress event was held at Sherwood Forest Event Center on Friday October 2, 2026 pictures our friends of chairperson PNP Barb Nobile



Unit member Mary McCarthy and her daughter Lori

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MCLA HQ · Ramona Smith
P.O. Box 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

INSPIRATION

The Department of Indiana was blessed to have THREE generations of one family attend the Fall Conference on October 3, 2026.



Pictured L to R: member Alexia Wilson, new member Maddie Bales, and Life Member Cheryl Mantle.

Happy Birthday to our Fabulous Members with November Birthdays!

01-Nov - Linda Smelser
02-Nov - Kathleen Lanham
03-Nov - Christina Hoover
04-Nov - Susanne Pugh
07-Nov - Julia Mangan
07-Nov - Rheagan Bower
07-Nov - Virginia Yates
08-Nov - Carla Bolt
08-Nov - Carla Hawthorne
08-Nov - Carol Mills
08-Nov - Johnnie Lopez
09-Nov - Dianne Randall
09-Nov - Joann Ramos
09-Nov - Sarah Godwin
10-Nov - Jazmine Kozlowski
10-Nov - Lesona Walker
10-Nov - Marsha A Chapman
10-Nov - Patti Morgan
10-Nov - Sandra Belt
11-Nov - Susan Speakman
12-Nov - Angel Guthrie
12-Nov - Carol Mazzara
12-Nov - Cheryl Ellis
12-Nov - Sharon Back
13-Nov - Lynn Antill
13-Nov - Mary Fay
13-Nov - Patricia Hatter
14-Nov - Elizabeth Tumbleson
14-Nov - Elsie Dettman
14-Nov - Linda Dockrey
15-Nov - Muriel Jackson
16-Nov - Kaitlyn Summers
16-Nov - Stephanie Harrington
17-Nov - Bernadette Leahy
18-Nov - Pauline Winston
18-Nov - Rheta Dufresne
20-Nov - Maria Kuehne
21-Nov - Bernadette Leahy
21-Nov - Deborah Turner
21-Nov - Laurie Schissel
22-Nov - Deborah Schieferle
22-Nov - Tammy Rivera
22-Nov - Valeria Galvan
23-Nov - Roberta Gray
24-Nov - Charice Penn-Legrand
24-Nov - Martha Kunkle
25-Nov - Alta Morrow
25-Nov - Julie Hopkins
26-Nov - Dale Humphries
26-Nov - Lorraine Geist
27-Nov - Bambi Brazinski
27-Nov - Jean Caudill
27-Nov - Mary Peake
27-Nov - Tammy Cruze
28-Nov - Sue Carpenter
30-Nov - Linda Wong

Oops — we missed a very important celebration last month! A belated happy birthday to Janice Hartley on 5 October — we hope your day was wonderful!

We love recognizing our member's birthdays and would never intentionally leave out a celebration! Please make sure your member profile in the MCLA database has your birthday listed by ensuring membership transmittal forms accurately include the birthdate of each member or by sending an email to MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org with the information.



Chaplains Corner

This is the time of year when it seems so many are in need of our support with cards and prayers. I know I will be sending a lot of emails, so I want to thank you in advance for being so supportive by answering my requests. To show how important these cards and payers are, I would like to share a "Thank You" sent to all of you, that I received from Paula Sarlls, Department of Colorado. "The League and Auxiliary have always been so good to me, and I thank God every day that he connected this Marine to the League Auxiliary. Thanks for everything you do".

Precious Memories

Patricia L Wakefield of the Keystone Headquarters Unit, Inc., Annville, PA passed away 07/17/2025.

Doris R. Rapp of the Keystone Headquarters Unit, Inc., Annville, PA passed away 03/09/2024.

Colleen E. Gontkovic of the keystone Headquarters Unit, Inc., Annville, PA passed away 04/20/2024.

Barbara Strum, National Jr. Vice Lynn Cortrights mother passed away October 3, 2026. She was a charter member of the Holy City Unit #522 in Charleston, SC. She was very active until 2023 when she became unable to attend functions due to Alzheimer's. A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 18, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Charleston Church of Christ, Ladson SC. Cards may be sent to Lynn Cortright, 300Ayers Circle, Summerville, SC 29485

Diane L Ziolkowski of the Wisconsin Globe & Anchor Unit passed away October 19, 2025.She was 89 years old. Belated cards may be sent to her next of kin: David Ziolkowski, 8475 S. Parknoll Dr., Oak Creek, WI 53154

Carth Richmond of the Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit #512, Westminster, CO passed away 12/07/2023

Neva Jo Schnauber of the Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit #512, Westminster, CO passed away March 4, 2026.



Chaplains Corner Con't.

Prayers and cards:

Lynda Hartwick of Lake of the Ozarks Missouri Unit #449 is dealing with a long-term illness. Cards may be sent to Lynda Hartwick, 278 Grandview, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

MarthaDee Branson of the Lake of the Ozarks Missouri Unit #449 had a double mastectomy. Her address is: MatrhaDee Branson, 1108 South Grand Ave., Eldon, M65026

Sharon Spencer of the Lake of the Ozarks Missouri Unit #449 had a shoulder replacement. Sharons address is: P.O. Box 2517, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Debbie Mayes has a long-term illness. Cards may be sent to Debbie at: 826 College Blvd., Osage Beach, MO 65065

Joanne Bryan of the All Divisions Unit fell and fractured her hip. Surgery was done and a rod put in her femur with screws into her hip. She was to be moved to rehab, then home for therapy followed by outpatient therapy. Joanne is also still dealing with ongoing stomach issues. Her address is: Joanne Bryan, 2100 Black Horse Dr., Langhorne, PA 19047-2146

Marci Horan lost her 99.5 year old father. He was a Navy Veteran and had been hospitalized. He was placed in hospice care upon his return to his assisted living facility. Prayers and cards for Marci and her family may be sent to: Marci and Ed Horan, 526 E. Ravine St., Langhorne, PA 19047-2146

HPNP Peggy Touhy of the Flint Unit was hospitalized after falling in her home. She did not sustain major injuries but was transferred to a rehab facility for physical therapy and strengthening. Please keep Peggy in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to: Peggy Touhy, 3171 Ivy Lane, Grand Blanc, MI 48439-1724 ***Update:*** Peggy is now home.

Life Member Susan Trabenkraut of the Flint Unit had a knee replacement in early October. Cards may be sent to her at: Susan Trabenkraut, 12915 Holland Rd., Frankenmuth, MI 48734-9162

Flint Unit Life Member Kathy Monroes' husband and Detachment member, Robert, had spinal surgery on Oct. 2nd. Please send cards to him at: Richard Monroe, 906 Village Drive, Davidson, MI 48423-1052



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Flint Unit Life Member Lisa Fountains' husband Ken had a kidney removed in early October. Cards may be sent to Ken at: 2401 Wadhams Rd., St. Clair, MI 48079-3811

As reported earlier, Life Member Nancy Henn is recovering from serious facial injuries from a fall down concrete steps. If you haven't already sent a card, send them to: Nancy Henn, c/o Shirley Cooper, 3210 Aitken Rd., Marlette, MI 48453

Donna La Frazia of the Columbia River Unit, Department of Washington is recovering from a fall. Her address is: Donna La Frazia, 455 SE 177th Ave. #480, Vancover, WA 98683

Angela Black is a member of the Yakima/Kittitas Unit. Her Marine husband is recovering from a fall. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: Angela Black, 18 McKinney Rd., S Raymond, WA 98577-9333

Sandy Falter Department of Washington is suffering from different medical issues. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at: 8301 Tieton Dr. #75, Yakima, WA 98908

Please keep Suzie and Barry Gerogopulos from the Windsor Marines Unit and Detachment in your prayers as Barrys'grandson Cody passed away. Cards may be sent to: Barry Georgopulos, 595 S. Alton Way #4D, Denver, CO 80247-5816

Please keep Carla and Ken Jacobsen, Department of CO, in your prayers as Kens cancer has returned. He will be scheduled for surgery and treatment. Ken Jacobsen, 6644 Algonquin Drive, Johnstown, CO 80534

Peggy Meyer, president of the Edison Kline VanSlyke Unit fell and has several bruises and abrasions as well as a bruised kidney, cracked ribs, a big bump on her head and a patch of lost hair. Cards to encourage her in the healing process may be sent to: Peggy Meyer, 304 Hart St., Essexville, MI 48732-1661



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As reported earlier, Rheta Dufresne had her knee replaced three weeks ago but still has a few weeks before she can start therapy due to extensive damage. She must keep her knee straight which limits mobility. Please continue to keep Rheta in your thoughts and prayers for healing. Rheta Dufresne, 3701 Wilder Rd., Vassar, MI 48768

Please send prayers of thanksgiving for Sandy Van Tol and her husband who were in a horrific traffic accident. They are blessed to be alive and physically ok. Please include prayers for emotional healing for the trauma of the accident.

Life happens so quickly. We never know what tomorrow will bring. But I do know that we will be there for all who need our prayers and cards of support. Thank you, ladies.

Semper Fi, & Blessings to All

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