



# MCLA NEWS

*Be Excited, Encourage, Invite and Be Thankful!*

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

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President:  
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President:  
Carol Smith

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Evelyn Joppa

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Barb Nobile, PNP

Jr Past National  
President:  
Jackie Hunter

## From the Desk of the National President

Greetings Ladies!

PNP Jackie Hunter ran a good convention. We were able to get a lot accomplished. The PNP's presented a request to the body to make Lynn Laberge an Honorary PNP. The body concurred and Lynn is now an Honorary PNP. There have only been three other PNP's before Lynn and one of those was Lynn's mother. Congratulations Lynn Laberge – an honor well deserved!

I thank all the **Members** present at the National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ for your support and confidence in my ability to lead. (When I refer to **Members** it includes all the **Board, PNP's and elected officers** as we are each a **Member** of our Auxiliary.)

I challenge each of you to recruit at least one new member this year. If each of us recruits one new member, our Auxiliary would double in one year! We need to talk positively about our Auxiliary and what we do as volunteers. My motto for this year is **Be Excited, Encourage, Invite and Be Thankful!** I hope each of you will be able to take this motto and make it your own for the coming year and help us grow. No one can do this alone; we all have to work together as a team.

I have talked with our secretary, Lynn Foster, at National Headquarters. If you wish to receive this newsletter by snail mail instead of e-mail, you need to send in a \$10 fee to cover the cost of mailing. If you have been receiving it this last year by snail mail, it is time to renew by sending in your information along with the \$10 fee.

Our National Secretary will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for the time being.

I am looking forward to a great year of service both to the body and to our Veterans. I encourage each of you to serve the Veterans in your area and if there is a VA Clinic or Hospital in your area, sign up to volunteer there. The information is in our Administrative Procedures for the steps to follow if you do not have a Representative or Deputy Representative for the local VA Hospital in your area.

We do want to continue to publish our Programs of Pride in the newsletter. However, please do not send more than one Program of Pride per month per Unit. We may not be able to publish five or six each month so send us your best program and look at what others are doing as well.

Have a great September. Send in your transmittals as soon as possible. Recruit, renew and grow!

Semper Fi,

*Deborah Evans*

National President

## From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Members:

It is so hard to believe that we are starting another year again. Time does fly when you are having fun!

I would like to thank the members for the opportunity to serve as your Sr. Vice President for the coming term. It is truly an honor and privilege. And, congratulations to our new National President, Deborah Evans. I know she will do great things for the Auxiliary. And all the other newly elected officers, congratulations and best wishes!

I look forward to a very productive year full of learning and growth for national officers and our members.

Semper Fidelis,

*Karen Aune,*

*Nat'l Sr. Vice President*

## From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

What a wonderful convention we had in Scottsdale! Thank you to Junior Past President Jackie Hunter for her leadership, support, and friendship during her two very successful years at the helm, and congratulations and best wishes to our new National President, Deborah Evans, and all of the newly elected and installed officers.

I look forward to serving each of you as your National Junior Vice President. My responsibilities are, in part, to “create and promulgate such membership incentives and programs as will produce enthusiastic response resulting in continuous membership growth.” **National Bylaws, Article Two, Section 210, (C)** Therefore, I would like to share some ideas for maintaining current members and recruiting new ones. The following is an excerpt from one of the newsletters that I sent to members of Central

Division when I held the position of National Vice President of my division several years ago. They are still relevant today.

### **Help Us Grow!**



Recruitment and retention of members is what makes our wonderful organization grow! We know how great it is to be a part of the Marine family, but there are many eligible ladies who simply are not aware that they could be members. I have listed a few ideas for growing the auxiliary. If you have additional ideas, please email them to me, and they will be included in the next edition.

1. Carry membership applications with you at all times. You never know when you will meet someone who is an eligible member. When the opportunity arises, hand them a membership application and your business card with the meeting time and place on it. Be sure to get a phone number so that you can follow up and encourage her attendance at your next meeting. Better yet, offer to take her with you!

2. Wear MCLA attire with pride everywhere you go! My own unit members wear our uniforms and participate in local parades and every patriotic activity. I actually recruited an associate member because she thought we looked so nice in our uniforms. She immediately became a contributing member of our unit. We also have MCLA polo shirts that we wear casually...to the grocery store, mall, movie theaters, restaurants, and our weekly coffee outing.

3. Get published! Our unit has been very successful in raising funds which we in turn donate to worthy causes: Marines Helping Marines, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Illinois Veterans' Home, Operation Little Angel, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, local food pantry, local women's crisis center, etc. When we present a check, we always take a picture which we submit to our local newspaper. We also write letters to the editor of the paper thanking our community for their support of our fund raising events. When people know that our money is donated to worthwhile causes, they are more inclined to continue to give and may want to be a part of our organization.

As a reminder, annual membership dues expire on August 31. Please remit to your unit treasurer now if you have not already done so. Treasurers, please list your Life Members on the first transmittal and remember to send the Bond Form and Bond Fee with it.

Thank you for your continuing service to our veterans and your communities!

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

National Jr Vice President

## **From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President**

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

The 2015 National Convention at the beautiful Scottsdale Resort in Arizona is now behind us and I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work. A good time was had by all who attended. I would also like to congratulate all of our newly elected officers for the coming year. I know they will have the support and cooperation of all of us to make this a successful and productive year.

To all of the departments in the Central Division that I visited this year I would like to extend my appreciation for their hospitality and camaraderie. I am also pleased to have Mary Brief from the Department of Michigan as my Assistant Central Division Vice President. I am excited and have high hopes for this year. With the help and support of each of our members, we can succeed in maintaining and increasing our membership.

In every organization there is someone in charge. I would like to ask all of the department and unit presidents in the Central Division to try to understand your members and know their strengths and weaknesses. When a project comes up, let that person take responsibility and make them feel important. Explain what is expected from them and make them accountable. Since everyone is a volunteer, it is important to understand their needs. Remember some or most have families and are trying to balance home, work, family and being a volunteer. If you let them know how much you appreciate their efforts, you will be giving them a feeling of satisfaction.

In order to have a successful year, we need the cooperation of each individual. In the words of Casey Stengel, (manager of the New York Yankees (1949-1960), "Finding new members is not easy but getting them to play together as a team is another story." We have a great team and with cooperation and hard work we can accomplish great things in the year ahead.

Semper Fidelis,  
Judy Blackmer  
Central Division Vice President

## SEPTEMBER NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT 2015



**62 NAMES WERE REPORTED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SCOTTSDALE AS HAVING PASSED FROM OUR MIDST SINCE LAST AUGUST.**

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**SHARON LOONEY**\* 7/11/2015 JOSEPH A. BRAY UNIT, INDIANA

CONDOLENCES TO: HUSBAND; Jim Looney, 2026 E. State Road, Clinton, Indiana  
47842- 7328

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**Linda Bailey**\* 8/04/2015 Yakima Valley Unit, Dept of Washington. Condolences to:  
Ray Bailey and family, 404 Whatcom St. Union Gap, WA. 98903.

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Cards, thoughts and prayers are needed for Nancy Lobo. Susquehanna Valley Unit member from PA was in a car accident and will need rehab for her injuries. Cards may be sent to her at: 211 Court Drive, New Cumberland, PA, 17856,

Jack and Mary Porn, Flint unit, Dept of Michigan, mourn the loss of a grandson in a car accident. Cards of condolence may go to: 7504 Lions Gate Building #4, Davison, Michigan, 48423...

Dept of Colorado member, Kathy Cowan, lost her mother this past month. Cards of condolence may be sent to member Kathy Cowan. PO Box 27151, Denver. CO. 80227.

Pat Schwendeman, St. Charles County Unit member in MO, has a 28 year old granddaughter who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer that has spread to her lymph nodes. She has a four year old son. Please keep Maggie Albright in your prayers and send cards of encouragement to her at: 84 Four Winds Drive, St. Peters. MO 63376-1107. Prayers are always welcome.

PNP Ruth Moyse was in the hospital prior to National Convention and during and is now at home recuperating before an upcoming surgery. She is humbled by all the care and concerns her MCLA sisters have expressed for her welfare. She has finished her antibiotics and will return to work. By the time her surgery is scheduled she will have retired from a job she has held for over 36 years. Keep PNP Moyse in your prayers for her upcoming surgery and new challenges in her life. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 401 S. New Ardmore, Broomall, PA. 19008-2840.

Please keep Honorary PNP Lynn LaBerge and hubby Chuck in your prayers as he goes through rehab for the stroke he suffered at the close of National convention. We are so thankful he was well and in the room when Lynn was awarded this honor of HPNP.

PNC Helen Hicks was hospitalized during the last days of National Convention with some breathing issues. She was driven home by her sister back to Texas.

We missed our newly elected Sr. Vice President at National convention as she stayed home with Husband Ken Aune who needed her smiles. Karen Aune was missed but where she needed to be at that time. We send our prayers to both of them.

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On some good news, it was great to see Tracey Killinger running around at convention. Although the heat was not good for her, she looked wonderful and we were so thankful she was with us.

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HEAVELNY FATHER, YOU ARE THE WAY AND TRUTH AND THE LIFE. TODAY--- AS I FOLLOW YOUR WAY AND SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS—LET ME BE A WORTHY EXAMPLE TO OTHERS AND A WORTHY SERVANT TO YOU. AMEN

CHAPLAINS - PLEASE EMAIL ME THE MOMENT YOU KNOW OF THE PASSING OF A MEMBER SO I MAY GET OUT TO OUR MEMBERS VIA EMAIL. THEN AS SOON AS YOU CAN, MAIL ME THE FORMAL DEATH NOTICE. I MUST HAVE THIS NOTICE FOR MY RECORDS AND FOR THE FINAL ROLL CALLS AT MIDWINTER AND NATIONAL CONVENTION. YOU MAY ALSO SEND THAT OFFICIAL NOTICES TO ME VIA EMAIL IF YOU SCAN IT. JUST GET IT TO ME SOMEHOW PLEASE...

I THANK DORCAS SIMPSON WHO IS SO FAITHFUL IN GIVING ME STAMPS. YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW MANY WE GO THROUGH IN A YEARS TIME. I ASK THAT YOU KEEP OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS.

There is no doubt many more of our members who are in need of our prayers. So at this time we send a powerful prayer to each and everyone.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN PNP BARBARA NOBILE

ASSISTANT NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, MARY LOU WEBB





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, or Sister-in-Law of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Marine, FMF Corpsman, Navy Chaplain, or Korean Era Marine)  
a Marine, FMF Corpsman, FMF Navy Chaplain or Korean Era Marine (circle one), eligible to belong to the Marine Corps League, who does/does not (circle one) belong to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Marine Corps League,  
(Name of Detachment)  
and Women Marines (circle, if applicable). I do/do not (circle one) wish to become a Dual Member in this Unit.

Mustering in date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Mustering out date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
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)  
Eligibility checked: DD214 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Honorable Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Accepted by Unit \_\_\_\_\_



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