



# MCLA NEWS

*The Monthly National Newsletter for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc*

**APRIL 2018**

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

## From the Desk of the National President

Happy Spring!

I hope all your flowers are blooming and the breezes are warm.

We have had a very busy start to the year and it is getting busier! We are so fortunate to have all of you wonderful ladies out there supporting our purpose and representing us so well. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.



As we enter the time of Division Conferences and Department Conventions, please remember that the work we do is the topic of conversation. It is the perfect time to mentor those members that aspire to obtain a certain position or to move through the chairs. Every member of the Auxiliary should be encouraged to do this if it is their desire. Have you ever wondered if there is a reason there is a limit on the amount of time one person should hold a position? It is to allow for the continued flow of fresh new ideas and learning opportunities. If we expect the Auxiliary to grow, we must be willing to grow with it.

And, of course, recruiting new members is always right near the top of the list. Will each of you commit to recruiting at least 1 new member this year? Wouldn't it be awesome to double our number? And it is so much simpler than you can imagine. Do you have an application with you? How about the 'What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary' brochure? This is a great recruiting tool! With the brochure and your enthusiastic display of what our Auxiliary represents, how can you lose?

I want to remind you that we are nearing the National Convention and I cannot stress enough how important it is for the members to be involved in the decision-making process for the organization. It is the opportunity to offer your opinion, thoughts & ideas for consideration by the membership attending. We need you to tell us what you see for the future and how we can attain it. This is YOUR Auxiliary. Be an active part of the process to move us forward!

Thank you for all that you do. You are awesome!

Semper Fi,

*Karen Aune*

National President

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### 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.

2018 Central Division Conference  
April 5-8, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel  
111 N. Grand Ave.,  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Direct Reservation: 1-800-333-3333  
Hotel: 1-517-482-0188  
or log on to:  
[www.radisson.com/lansingmi](http://www.radisson.com/lansingmi)

Please use promotional code: MCLA18 for your discounted group rate of \$110 plus City & State tax (currently at 13%)  
Check in: 4pm/Check out: 12pm (noon)  
Cutoff date: March 23, 2018

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

## From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Spring has sprung, and none too soon for me!

We had a fun time at the Mid-Winter Conference in spite of being on the fringes of a Nor'easter. It was not all work and no play! The joint hospitality room was a great opportunity to visit with each other. The workshop on Friday evening provided an opportunity for all of us to do something positive for our deployed Marines. And the Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head trivia game brought lots of laughs while providing lots of information that most of us seemed not to know.

The Department Presidents Council meeting was well attended. Lots of great ideas for recruiting new members were shared. In addition, Kathy Hoffman, last year's National Recruiter of the Year, was there at my request, to tell everyone exactly how she recruited sixteen new members. She said that, so far this year, she has ONLY recruited six new members! She certainly inspired me to work harder to invite others to become members. Remember, if you don't ask, they won't join. And always have a membership application form, business card, and MCLA brochure with you.

The breakfast to honor Madam President was held the following morning. Most of the members present at the conference were on hand to thank Karen Aune for her devotion to and leadership of the Auxiliary. Her love for our wonderful organization is evident in everything she does.

Until next month, I am and will continue to be always faithful.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Carol Smith*

National Sr Vice President

## From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

Mid-Winter was productive & fun! Carol Smith did an outstanding job with the Department Presidents Council. She asked, Kathy Hoffman, the 2017 Recruiter of the year (16 new members) for secrets to recruiting. She said "Just don't take no for an answer! Give them a reason to say yes."

Remember to carry an application with you. Wear a logo shirt. Carol carries and gives away the wooden Auxiliary bracelet, to prospective members. What a great idea. The Bracelets can be purchased through the ships store for a very reasonable price. If you have not seen the bracelets, they have the auxiliary logo.

National MCLA Website:  
[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org)

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[www.nationalmoddfleas.org](http://www.nationalmoddfleas.org)

National Marine Corps  
League:  
[www.mclnational.org/](http://www.mclnational.org/)

I am heading to the Southeast Conference in a few days. And then to my Department Spring Conference. May your Division Conferences & Department Conferences be a success.

Ladies I choose to be encouraged by all the great things each of our Units accomplish each year. May we find the solutions that attract more ladies to join our Auxiliary. Remember our reports for our activities dates are May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018. We need your unit information.

“Forget all the reasons it won’t work and believe the one reason that it will.”  
– *Unknown*

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

My door is always open, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

Semper Fidelis

*Evelyn B. Joppa*

*National Jr. Vice President*

## From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

### **WELCOME SPRING!**

This month’s article on the Audit of Unit and Department books is being written at the request of an auxiliary member and will be continued in next month’s newsletter.

**Audit**, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is “the formal examination of an organization or individual's accounts or financial situation.”

Why should an audit be conducted? ... to ensure all monies are deposited and all expenses are budgeted or approved by the body, as required by Article 4 Department Section 445 Treasurers Financial Records or Chapter 5 Units Section 503 Treasurers Financial Records (A) of the MCLA National Bylaws.

The process should not be cumbersome for the auditors and should not be dreaded by the unit or department treasurer. It’s a simple review to ensure that the bank statements, check book, deposits and all expenses for a specific time period (quarterly or annually) are in agreement with each other. The audit should be conducted by a team of not fewer than three (3) auditors appointed by the unit or department president. The unit or department treasurer should never be a member of the audit team. The results of the audit should be reported to the members by a member of the Audit Committee at a designated time in the meeting agenda.

All audits should be conducted in-house, and by that I mean a unit should never review another unit's books, and a department should never review another department or unit's books. The audit of auxiliary books, at any level, should **never** be conducted by a detachment or league member; only auxiliary members should be auditing auxiliary books. The only non-auxiliary person who could audit auxiliary books would be a CPA paid for by the unit or department. Remember: What happens in the auxiliary stays in the auxiliary. This includes financial information; thus the reason we ask guests to leave the room when the treasurer is giving her report.

Next month I will give my opinion on variations to the above and what I hope will be helpful suggestions on how to conduct an audit when the conventional method is not possible.

I would like to thank this member for her article suggestion, and I invite other members to send me their suggestions for future articles.

Until next month...

Semper Fidelis  
*Linda Chamberlain*  
National Judge Advocate

## From the Desk of the National Regent



## *Past Presidents Club*



Hello Ladies,

Do you know that we have a ***National Past Presidents Club***? Do you know that if you have been a member in good standing and President of your Unit, Department, or National for one term, that ***You can be a Member*** of the National Past Presidents Club?

Chartered on September 4, 1947, this club is a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. The ***Purpose*** of the club is to Council – Advise – Unify. Meetings at the Department level may be held at Staff Meetings or the Department Convention, and may adopt special projects.

Dues of \$1.00 per year are typically collected by the Department MCLA, recorded on the Past Presidents Club Transmittal form, and mailed to the National Past Presidents Club Treasurer by July. If you don't have a Department Past Presidents Club, you can mail your dues directly to the National PPC Treasurer on the PPC Transmittal form, or the New Member Application form. Both are provided following this letter.

I invite ALL Past Presidents to Join or Renew their membership. Thank you for all you do for our Auxiliary, our MCL & our Marines, Communities, and Veterans.

Semper Fidelis,

*Regent Colleen English*

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**New Member Application – Please Print**

***MCLA National Past Presidents Club***

I herewith make application for membership in the **\*National Past Presidents Club\***

I have served at least one year as President of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Unit, (city & state) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) served \_\_\_\_\_

AND / OR

Department of \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) served \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application to: Elaine Schieffer, PPC Treas.; 133 Cook Road; Prospect CT 06712

Enclose member dues of \$1.00

**IT'S AN ALL YEAR PROJECT**

**The Lake Ozark, Missouri unit** stays busy all year working to provide Christmas cheer to our local veterans. Everyone has something to contribute on sewing days at our MCL building. Some cut and press while our seamstresses are at work sewing beautiful lap blankets or merchandise to sell.



Our next step is to sell our handmade crossbody bags, tote bags, quilts, and an assortment of fun projects that our members make. We sell our items at local craft fairs and fundraisers.



Then the real fun begins, Christmas shopping for our veterans. We visit two facilities, one a VA retirement center and the other a VA hospital. There are no words to describe the feeling we have when seeing the gratitude on the faces of our veterans. That is what makes our sewing and selling days a labor of love.



When not sewing for our veterans, our unit is making baby blankets, burp clothes, diaper bags, hats, booties and teddy bears for Operation Little Angels and the Marine Corps Kids organization.



The Lake Ozark Unit's contribution to our veteran's 2017 Christmas parties were:

- 48 puzzle books
- 38 walker caddies
- 48 knit caps
- 31 lap quilts
- 2 bed size afghans
- 4 lap afghans
- 326 insulated mugs

We are underway for an even better 2018.



## APRIL 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS

MARIE MURRIN \* 1/30/2018 General Smedley D Butler Unit, PA.

Condolences to: Donnell Murrin, 3740 Providence Road, Newton Square, PA. 19073.

MIRIAM R. DIANGELO \* 12/21/2017 Medina County Unit, Ohio.

Condolences to: Denise Byrnes, 4200 Barrington Road, Greenville, NC.

JOANN STICKLLAND\* 2.24/2018 Semper Fi Unit, New Jersey. Condolences to her daughter, Jessica Maciolek, 2039 Harmony Lane, Deptford, NJ. 08096-5601. Mathew Strickland, her son, 23 Yale Ave. Gloucester City, NJ.08030-1226.

***EVEN WHEN I WALK THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID, FOR YOU ARE CLOSE BESIDE ME. YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF PROTECT AND COMFORT ME. PSALM 23; 4.***

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Cape Girardeau .MO member , Shirley Whittard has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 2545 Spring Hills Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701.

Melvin M Smith Unit, Dept if WA. Susie Bean lost her mother. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 1625 N. Sargent Rd., Spokane. WA. 99212-2571.

Dotty Sanning, from the Central Missouri Unit in Jefferson City, Mo. had surgery on her foot. She will be in a boot for a bit and can use your cards of cheer. 2003 Wooded Lane Rd. Jefferson City, MO. 65101.

Sr. Vice President for the Lewis G. Watkins Unit, in South Carolina, has had to have her big toe removed. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to: Ms Linda Stancil, 118 Jolin Lane, Westminster, SC. 29693.

Marti Kline will be driving and waiting on her husband, Marine George Kline who is commandant of the Dept of Iowa. George had surgery on his foot and will be hobbling for a bit. George and Marti have also been taking care of his mom as she deals with some serious health issues and has hospice in her home, Cards for George and Marti may be sent to: 9804 NE 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Mitchellville, IA. 50169.

Dept of Maryland member, Joan Hansen mourns the sudden passing of her daughter Judy who was a faithful MCLA member. Cards of condolence may be sent to Joan at: 8448 Oak Stream Drive, Laurel. MD. 20708.

Mary Lou Bailey from the All Divisions unit in PA. Is going through chemo for breast cancer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: 2713 Dudley Ct. Bensalem, PA. 19020.

Pat Engel from the Landis Mc Cleaf Unit in Pa. had to put her kitty to sleep after a bad bite to her finger. Cards of cheer may be sent to: 2112 Hillvoiew Drive, Fayetteville, PA. 17222.

Bea and Barry Georgopulos need our continuing prayers due to health issues they have both been experiencing in the past few months. Barry had been in

the hospital and is now back home. 595 S. Alton Way #4-D. Denver, CO. 80247-5818.

Diane Spencer from the Spring Hill Unit in Florida had back surgery. Cards of healing for her go to: 9125 Tournament Drive, Hudson, Fl. 34667.

PNP Virginia Johnson mourned the passing of her daughter in law and could just a use a thinking of you greeting from the membership. Her address is: 12035 Fruitridge NW. Kent City, MI. 49330.

***WITH REGARDS, NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE***

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

“Stand for something or you will fall for anything. Today’s mighty oak is yesterday’s nut that held its ground.”

Rosa Parks  
February 4, 1913 – October 24, 2005

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TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**DUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 20  18**

**Make checks payable to National Treasurer, Past Presidents' Club, MCLA.  
Send two copies to National Treasurer; receipted copy will be returned.**

**Dept. Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list Members alphabetically. Please type or print. Thank you.**

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**ADDITIONAL NAMES MAY BE LISTED ON BACK OF THIS FORM.**

**National Dues are \$1.00 per Member**

**Total Dues Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members on last report:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Enter U for Unit**

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**Members on this report:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership to Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Club Treasurer:** Elaine Schieffer, Treasurer

**Date Rcvd:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** 133 Cook Road

**Natn'l Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, ST Zip** Prospect, CT 06712-1816



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