



# MCLA NEWS

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

## From the Desk of the National President

In May I was honored to attend the Colorado Department Convention. It was an amazing weekend, full of laughs, fun, sharing of knowledge and getting to know each other. I also participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown on Memorial Day at Arlington Cemetery. Always a touching and sobering event honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



As we move closer to the time for National Convention, please be sure that your Units are getting the Delegate forms completed and sent to the national office. This is so helpful to the registration committee and will mean that your credentials will ready when you arrive

In this newsletter you will find the Call to National Convention. We have a full agenda for each day, so come prepared to listen, discuss and learn and maybe have a little fun in the mix. We all have something to contribute. Please remember to come with an open mind. Also included are the National Credential/Delegate Form and Banner Form,

A reminder that, effective July 1, we will not be filling Ships Store orders to allow for preparation for convention and ensure sufficient stock is available. If you need supplies bring your order to convention and save the shipping charges or send it with someone who will be attending, they may be willing to pick up the items for you.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and talents to assist those in need or distress. YOU are what makes this nation so great!

Semper Fi,

*Karen Aune*

National President

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

## Call to Convention

TO: All Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.  
FROM: Karen Aune, National President, MCLA, Inc.

SUBJECT: Call to 2018 National Convention



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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.

National MCLA Website:

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

National MODD Fleas Website:

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

National Marine Corps League:

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

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and by the authority vested in me as National President, I, Karen Aune, do hereby issue the call to National Convention. This event will take place August 13 to August 17, 2018 in Buffalo, New York.

**PURPOSE:** To revise/amend Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; to present resolutions; to transact business as may properly come before the National Assembly; to receive reports of the National Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs, both Administrative and Standing; and to elect National Officers.

**REPRESENTATION:** Please reproduce the Credential/Delegate form as needed, fill out the form completely, and deliver it to National Headquarters no later than July 1, 2018. Every member is entitled to her individual vote and need not have a credential form on file at HQ but must present a current membership card to receive convention credentials.

**REGISTRATION:** All members, delegates, alternates, officers, and guests must register to receive an admission badge/convention credentials. Badges must be visible for the National Guard when entering the meeting room for sessions.

**MEETINGS:** All Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and general sessions.

**COMMITTEES:** All members of administrative and standing committees are expected to attend the meetings called by their respective Chairmen, prior to the National Convention. If you are unable to serve on the committee to which you have accepted an appointment, please notify the National President as soon as possible.

**CAUCUSES:** All Unit and Department caucuses, if needed, should be held prior to the final session. This will avoid taking time away from the scheduled business meeting

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Aune  
National President

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### From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

We are only a little more than two months away from our 2018 National Convention. Where has the time gone? If you have not made reservations yet, please do so immediately! Your unit and department should be represented so that members unable to attend can learn from those who do attend. Although the convention hotel has been full for some time, I understand that there are still rooms available in an overflow hotel. Check the



official website for all of the information you will need: <https://www.mclnational.org/2018-national-convention.html>.

I had the pleasure of attending the Department of Maryland Convention this past weekend at the request of National President Karen Aune. She was asked to install their MCLA officers but was unable to do so due to a previous commitment. All of the attendees were so gracious and welcoming...and the weather in Ocean City was beautiful! Thank you, Department President Cindy Wolfe and all of the ladies for making me feel so welcome. It was an honor and a privilege to represent President Karen.

I have found through my travels that many departments and divisions hold Operation Little Angel events during their conventions and conferences. What a wonderful opportunity to support a local children's home or homeless shelter and fulfill our OLA mission! If you don't currently do so, this would be a good time to plan one for next year.

Thank you for all you do all year long! Have you recruited a new member this year?

Semper Fidelis,  
*Carol Smith*  
National Sr Vice President

## From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

I hope you all had the opportunity to celebrate a wonderful Mother's Day. It is a joyful time of the year for families & friends.

Shortly, we will be remembering the reason for "Memorial Day", our special time to remember those who gave their all for *Our Freedom*. How special we are to be to be living in the United States of America. May we ever be thankful for the sacrifices made for each of us. Please keep those who have lost those brave men and women in our prayers daily. Plan to attend one of the many scheduled events to honor our Heroes.

Just a reminder, reports of our activities are due. Please be sure to encourage all members to report the wonderful things they have accomplished this year. Remember our dates for activities are May 1, 2017- April 30, 2018.

Have you recruited a member this year? Please remember to mentor those new members. Keep them excited about all the things we do to help our marines, other veterans and communities. Listen to their new ideas and aid them in becoming an active participant in the unit.

Department Conventions are taking place in many areas. I hope you can take the time to be part of these important events. Cast your vote for Department leadership and help our auxiliaries grow.

We should have the proposed changes to our National Bylaws shortly, please keep an open mind and be prepared to give your valued opinion at the Convention in August.

Thank you for all you do!

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

Semper Fidelis

*Evelyn B. Joppa*

*National Jr. Vice President*

## From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

It must finally be spring. The trees outside my window are in full bloom and the weeds are beginning to appear in my garden.

**TEAM** – a number of persons associated together in work or activity – Merriam-Webster or a group of individuals working together to achieve a goal – Wikipedia. Basically both definitions mean the same thing.

Have you ever thought about the MCL Auxiliary’s purpose when the Senior Vice reads it at a meeting? I mean, have you really concentrated on the words? If not, listen closely the next time you are at a meeting; think about the purpose and what it means to you. Our purpose is to “band together in comradeship the members of this Auxiliary...” Sounds like the definition of a “team” to me.

On more than occasion over the past several months, I have heard, comments that sound as if we are not banding together and working as a team for the good of the Auxiliary, negating the bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary, the Marine Corps, and Marine Corps League. If we cannot work together and get along, how can we form that bond of comradeship with the League?

I realize we all have different personalities and differing opinions on how things should be done, but a team works together, putting personality conflicts and differences of opinions aside for the greater good. Rather than grumble, why not speak directly to the person and try to come to an amicable resolution? Change, by nature is something we all resist, but sometimes change is good.

If someone has an idea, hear them out; don’t automatically say, “Oh, that won’t work,” or “We tried that before and it didn’t work.” Sit down and analyze the idea - who knows - with a little tweaking you may be pleasantly surprised! If you are new to a position, give yourself a little time before starting to make changes; members may be a little less resistant to the changes, and sometimes the old adage, “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it” is the best approach.

Ladies, it takes a TEAM to keep our Auxiliary strong and the last time I looked there was no “T” in team. So, let’s all try to work like a team and

remember our purpose is “to band together in comradeship this Auxiliary, and to create a bond of comradeship between this Auxiliary, and the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.”

Until next month.

Semper Fidelis

*Linda Chamberlain*

National Judge Advocate

## GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scouts®

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn in scouting. Most Girl Scout Councils have ceremonies for their girls to receive their awards before the end of June. Our Auxiliary honors girls that have achieved their award with our Auxiliary Good Citizenship Award. If girls are not receiving awards from the auxiliary in your state, please consider doing the award for girls in your area next year. You can contact a Girl Scout Council and explain about the auxiliary award and they will send you a list of the girls who have completed their requirements for earning the Gold Award.

Your auxiliary should send in your MARINNE CORPS AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER REPORT to your state department secretary. On the form, near the bottom, it asks “Girl Scouts only: Number of Awards Given \_\_\_\_\_”. Please send me a copy of what you turned in to your State Department. I use that information to recognize, at National Convention in August, to give out auxiliary certificates to those auxiliaries or state departments that did the awards. I need your information.

Please email me at [carolelyston@gmail.com](mailto:carolelyston@gmail.com) or mail to me: Carole Lyston, 5813 Oak Branch Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Thank you to all the auxiliaries that did honor the girls with our Good Citizenship Award.

Carole Lyston, Girl Scout Chairman

### From The Office:

Please don't forget to include the application for each new member with the transmittal when you send them to Department and/or Headquarters. I am required to keep a copy on file here at HQ and I can't do my job without your help. Thanks!

In other news – there is a great committee searching and purchasing new items for the store. These new items will be for sale at the National Convention – I hope to have more information for you in the July newsletter.

*Blessings,*

*Karen Grady*

## MAY 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS

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***YOU ARE THE SYMBOL OF OUR COUNTRY, Who shines so bright,  
Who carried the soldiers to win the fight. Your warmth and independence  
keeps our spirits up, When you fly in the air oh so happily. We pledge to  
you with loyalty and trust. As we are one nation who stands tall, with  
liberty and justice for all.( written by a young student)***

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Members we lost this past month:

MARTHA ERICKSON\* 4/26/2018 Rockland County Unit, NY. Cards of condolence to her husband Gene Erickson, 179 W. Maple Ave. Monsey, NY. 10953-1733.

RITA GAWLAS \* 3/28/2018 Kankakee Unit, Ill. Condolences to: Robert Gawlas, 100 Jones Drive, Ste. 335. Bourbonnais, Ill. 60914.

It is with deep personal sadness that I must report the passing of PNP GLORIA LUTZ, Gloria passed away on Saturday, May 12th. When last I spoke to her she expressed how difficult to get around as she was on oxygen and of course missed her beloved husband terribly. Cards of condolence may be sent to: the Lutz Family, 4316 Virginia Beach Blvd. Suite E., Virginia Beach, 23452

Prayers were requested for the husband of Dept of Illinois member, Patti Morgan. Marine Husband John Morgan had gone through a difficult time following surgery. Cards of cheer for them: 609 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Johnston City, Ill. 62951.

Coastal Bend Unit member, Indiana Favata, mourns the April 28<sup>th</sup> passing of her husband Marine Vincent Favata. Cards of condolence for Indiana, 4645 Branscomb Drive Corpus Christi, TX. 78411.



Darcy Anderson, Dept of Utah member needs our prayers with a health issue.

Lou Dispenza, member of the Tinker Dorn Detachment in Hazlet, NJ lost his wife this past month. Cards of condolence may be sent to him at: 16 Roland Place, Hazlet, NJ .07730.

Upper Darby, PA member, Terry Souder is in need of our prayers and encouragement, as she goes through some serious health issues with blockages in her heart. She was hospitalized and released as she waits to get stronger and the Dr's work on the next course of action. Cards of cheer for her go to: 402 Highland Ave. Morton, PA. 19070.

Jackie Deen, River Valley, Claude Rogers's unit in Arkansas, had a knee replacement. Send her cheerful greetings at: PO Box 436, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 71836.

We sent prayers to Past Dept Commandant, Tony Wade, from Michigan. Tony had been hospitalized while stints were implanted. His address for cards of cheer: 1024 North Rd. Apt B7, Fenton, Michigan, 48430.

Thinking of you Cards are needed for Dept of New York long time member, Sonia Rymer, along with her health issues, she is going to have to move due to her Apt having serious mold issues. Cards go to Sonia Rymer, 45 Birch Street, Apt 6J, Kingston, NY. 12401

Members, if you are NOT receiving my weekly or daily emails, please let me know your current email addresses. I do not want to miss letting you know about our members. Some of your emails have been coming back to me and I wonder if I have OLD addresses.

Respectfully submitted, PNP Barbara Nobile

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



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.  
NATIONAL CREDENTIAL/DELEGATE FORM**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Strength: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegates Allowed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be verified by the Nat'l Secretary)

Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Location: Buffalo, New York August 12-18, 2018 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 3619 Jefferson Hwy, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554 no later than July 1**, immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5.00 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 \$6.00 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nat'l Secretary / Registration Chair





# BANNER FORM



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

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

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UNIT / DEPARTMENT NAME

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CONTACT PERSON

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ADDRESS

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PHONE and EMAIL

Please PRINT all information and return this form by June 30, 2018 to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary  
National Headquarters  
3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy Suite 115  
Stafford, VA 22554



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