



# MCLA NEWS

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

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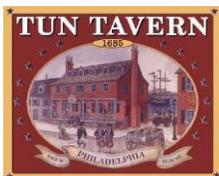
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**Dates to Remember:**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> -  
Independence Day  
Fly Your Flags**

**From the Desk of the National President**

Greetings Auxiliary members. Memorial Day was May 30. I know that many of you participated in services in your area. Carrie MacIntosh and Nila Caulder carried our flags for the ceremony at Arlington. Carrie was going to represent me in presenting the wreath but we were told there were only two tickets for the presentation. We were told the League had two Reserve Marines to make the presentation of the wreath and they would be using the tickets. Therefore, I participated in the services at the National Cemetery in Nashville, TN.



We should all be preparing for our 79<sup>th</sup> convention in Tulsa, OK. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

A little bit of housekeeping – some of you have received an e-mail that should never have been sent to anyone in the Auxiliary. Please do not spread any information that is in that e-mail since it is full of rumors and only meant to cause problems. It is concerning the League Headquarters Office and should not concern the Auxiliary. The League is on top of the situation and will let us know at the National Convention how it has been handled.

I am glad to let you know that we have received quite a few applications for the secretarial position. The interview team will be talking to some of these applicants on June 22. We have interviewed and found an applicant that we think is a good fit. With the Board’s permission, she will begin working on July 5, 2016. After getting the Board’s permission, we will give you some more details on who she is and what hours she will be working.

I attended the New York Department Convention. It was a good convention and the ladies there were very welcoming. I had a wonderful time and was asked to install their officers. It was a pleasure to be of service to my new friends in the Department of New York. General Regner was the guest speaker at the banquet and his wife Mary spoke to the Auxiliary. I am excited to let you know that Mary Regner is scheduled to speak to the Auxiliary at the National Convention. You do not want to miss her.

I have attended the Pennsylvania Department Convention. The ladies in the Pennsylvania Department are very welcoming. They have a luncheon for their Department President on opening day and present an OLA gift to a local youth development program. The luncheon was good and well attended. The ladies from Burrows Street Youth Haven were very excited about all of the gift items



### Division Conferences:

Calling all Division  
Vice President's:  
Send in the Dates of  
when you're  
Division Conference  
to be listed here.

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

that were donated. It is exciting to be able to represent you the members at functions like this.

All reports should be turned in to our committee chairs by the time you receive this newsletter. I know that many of you have been very busy within your Unit and your communities serving our Marines and other Veterans. Thank you for giving of your time, talents and donations.

This year has been a wonderful opportunity for me to be of service to you our members and to represent you at many different activities. It has also been a year with issues to be dealt with and I hope you understand we are working things out for the best of the Auxiliary. Lynn Foster has not deserted us because she has taken a full time job. She has been spending time working to keep the office from totally falling behind during her time off from her job. We thank you Lynn for taking care of us. There have been some issues that still need to be dealt with but Lynn has handled entering transmittals and has worked with trying to fill orders for the ship's store. Please be patient as we are trying to take care of all this. Please send me an e-mail if there is something you are dealing with that has not been handled satisfactorily. I have received some e-mails that I am going to check on when I go to Headquarters on June 21 and 22.

By now, many of you have attended Department conventions. Department conventions are great places to have workshops and share information that has been received at Mid-Winter or at National Convention. Those of you who have attended Mid-Winter or National Convention need to be taking back information to your Units and Departments to share with everyone.

I think this is a good time for everyone to realize that next year is the year we are able to make any corrections, additions or changes to our By-laws. So do yourselves a favor and begin now looking into the By-laws to see if there is anything you feel needs to be addressed. Then follow the guide lines for submitting your suggestions, additions or changes. Now is the time to begin reviewing so you can send your submission in a timely manner as the submissions are dated and the first to be submitted will be addressed first. When there is more than one submission regarding the same Bylaw, they will all be considered together, one after the other, in the order received.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Tulsa, renewing friendships from the past and making new friends with those I have not yet met.

Semper Fi,

*Deborah Evans*

National President

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

National Convention in Tulsa is just around the corner. I hope everyone was able to get their delegate registrations in and are ready for a great convention.

I would encourage everyone to attend the Presidents Council which will be held Tuesday morning prior to the meeting start time. This meeting is open to all members of the Auxiliary. It is a great opportunity to connect with other members and share ideas and suggestions. Bring your questions and ideas to share.

As always, please remember our Marines, Veterans and their families, daily.

Karen Aune,  
Nat'l Sr. Vice President  
'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted'

## From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

I must first apologize for the error in my last article. I wrote "Remember that donations from the rose program must be used solely for veterans' causes." The Marine Rose Program was started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York and was designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program. His intent was to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and to provide other services to the community to include providing health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans, support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in retirement homes, to provide scholarships, to assist youth programs, and to provide humanitarian aid. Since its inception, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary has chosen to use the program for the same causes. Again, I am sorry that I didn't look up the requirements before penning my article.

On Memorial Day, I had the honor of attending the Memorial Day Service at Rock Island National Cemetery in Rock Island, IL where my husband (57th Chief Devil Dog) served as the Keynote Speaker. What a beautiful place! There was a huge crowd on hand to remember our deceased veterans.

I just returned from my own Department of Illinois Convention held in Urbana, IL. It was an honor to serve as Installing Guard for the newly elected officers. Below is a photo of the ladies in attendance at the convention.



Standing L to R: PDP Judy Blackmer (Central Division Vice President), Chris Blackburn, Jo Larsen, Jan Carleton, Pat Buckley, PDP Sue Whitlock, outgoing Dept. President Patti Morgan, incoming Dept. President Deb Sosnowski, Shari Crockett, PDP Renee McGuan, PDP Carol Martin, PDP Doris Ruble, Rosalee Huebener.

Seated L to R: Lola Cochran, Loretta Syrdahl, Jeanette Geise, PDP Carol Smith (Nat. Jr. Vice Pres.)

I am looking forward to attending the Department of Indiana Convention next week in Terre Haute, IN. With the National Convention rapidly approaching, I will hopefully be spending some time at home in July in preparation for that event. I hope to see many of you in Tulsa!

Thank you for everything you do in support of our troops and veterans and your communities.

Semper Fidelis,

*Carol Smith*

### From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Though I am thankful for our Fallen Heroes every day, Memorial Day always brings out the best effort. Our community like many across America paid deserving honor to those we owe our very freedom to! I was humbled to be part of those services. As we wrap up the Department Conventions and prepare for National may we encourage each member to recruit new members and mentor those same members to be helpful to our cause. Let us be kind and open to new ideas.

Presently I am reviewing Department Bylaws. What a wonderful experience. Each time I read the National Bylaws, I learn something new or see another perspective. This is an exciting advisory position to serve in. I thank the membership for the very opportunity.

Credential Form for early registration are due July 1, 2016.

I look forward to seeing many of you at convention in August.

Semper Fi

*Evelyn B Joppa*

National Judge Advocate

### FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SOUTHEAST DIVISION VICE PRESIDENT

The Southeast Division Conference was held in March at Augusta, GA. It was a successful and fun conference even though the event was held over Easter weekend resulting in fewer participants. I want to thank those that attended. A conference is to share and learn and this was definitely accomplished. We even fit a Flea Scratch in which added to the fun part. The minutes and reports have been sent out to all departments and units and I appreciate the feed-back from those that could not attend. They have sent questions and concerns and requested

additional information. This tells me they are reading them and are interested in what took place.

An important item discussed at the conference concerned MCLA Bylaw Section 210 E (5). It is about the appointment of a “Division Aide” by a Division Vice President. Our conclusion was that this person may be appointed for a short period of time. The appointment should address an issue and/or possibly remedy a problem and be for the purpose of helping our Auxiliary grow.

It was a plus to have 3 National Officers and one PNP attend our conference. The information they shared was appreciated. I especially want to thank National Judge Advocate Evelyn Joppa for conducting the nominations and the election. Since myself, as the current Vice President and Nancy Calleja as the Assistant, were the only nominations, all present agreed that the secretary should cast one unanimous vote for each of us. Nancy and I are looking forward to being installed at the National Convention in Tulsa in August and to seeing some of you there. So until then...

Semper Fi,

*Joyce Brickell*

Southeast Division Vice President  
MCLA

## From the Desk of the Mideast Division Vice President

Many of the auxiliary units in Maryland and Virginia have been busy supporting their veterans, fund raising and making themselves visible in the community. These efforts as well as newspaper ads have resulted in attracting new members in both states. The new Natalie Maas Unit in Fredericksburg, VA was installed in June and the new Onslow County Unit in Jacksonville, North Carolina is well on their way toward completing the application for their Charter. In their effort to attract auxiliary members, this enthusiastic NC unit has also brought in new members for the detachment.

The Departments of MD and VA both held their conventions in May. Maryland was fortunate to have Carol Smith, National JR Vice President, in attendance. Carol shared some information on membership as well as being able to enjoy the activities in Ocean City. Since the Mideast Division Conference will not be held until the end of June, there is no information to report at this time.

Reminder to all units and departments that Urban is no longer processing the 990's; people will be redirected to the IRS site. The process is slightly different in that you may not receive your validation right away. If that is the case, wait a day and then check. The treasurer of the Robert W. Deane unit in Maryland negotiated the system without difficulty. Just remember the deadlines for filing. If your fiscal year ends June 30, your 990 will be due no later than Nov. 15. If the FY ends Dec. 31, your 990 will be due no later than May 15. Departments and Units are required to send copies to National, Dept. and Division VP. As of this date, I have received only a couple of receipts. Please review the revised Administrative Procedure 850: IRS Reports which helps to clarify this process.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Tulsa.

Semper Fi,

*Judy Florensky*

## MCLA Memorial Fund

Ladies;

The Memorial fund was founded to assist Veterans and their families. All guide lines for assistance are found on the MCLA National Web Site ([www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org)). All submissions must be on letter head from their Unit and/or Department. Ensure to include all information on who is requesting and the individual needing the assistance, you can also email the information. This will eliminate the delaying of funds or support. The Memorial Funds are in a constant need of replenishing, your gift, however large or small, in the name of a loved one is always appreciated. We are always looking for items to be donated for our ticket drawing at the National Convention. Please let me know, Thank you. Please look for our table and come out and buy many tickets, this is our big fundraiser for the year. Thank you to all Membership for your continued support.

Semper Fi

Your MCLA Memorial Fund Committee

Debby Krueger

Sydney Minchen

Elaine Schieffer

## July 2016 National Chaplain News



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OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
OF THOSE MEMBERS WE LOST THIS PAST MONTH.

Gerda Dundas \* April 30, 1016. Memorial Day Unit, Rochester, NY.  
Condolences to Daughter, Cyndie Shevin, 67 Ellington Road, Rochester, NY,  
14616.

Dorothy Juskiewicz \* May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. West Hudson Unit, Kearny, NJ.  
Condolences to: Robert Greenwood, 33 E. Fourth St. Bayonne, NJ. 07002.

Mary Jean Michael \* May 26<sup>th</sup> 2016. Tri State Unit, Youngstown, Ohio.  
Condolences to Son, Robert Michael, 4887 Villa Marie Road, Lowellville,  
Ohio. 44436.

Mary Urena \* May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Valley Unit, CT. Cards of condolence to: Claire  
Bellemare, 7 Crown St. Naugatuck, CT. 06770  
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Prayers were offered for the following:

PNP Gloria Lutz let us know about the health of her wonderful Marine, Ernie. Years ago Ernie had broken a hip and really never got back on his feet. In April of this year he fell and broke the other hip. At time of her text he was in rehab but she hoped to have him home soon. Gloria has been on Oxygen since the 2012 National Convention so as you can imagine does not get far from home. These were such devoted folks. I hope members will remember them with a call, card or text. I know it would be appreciated. 417 Bartell Drive, Chesapeake, VA. 23320.

Luis Lopez, husband of Dept. of Texas MCLA President, suffered a heart attack and needed a quadruple bypass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pauline Roberts, long time MCLA member from the Dept. of PA, needed our prayers for her son. He had a liver re-section and is now cancer free. We ask for continued prayers for other family members who have various serious health issues.

Brass City Unit member, Yvette Jessup who is also an Army veteran has had some difficult months. She has had many hospital visits and recent surgery, Cards of cheer may be sent to: 330 Piedmont St. Waterbury, CT. 06706.

Bryson Allen, husband of MCLA member Wilma Allen, underwent surgery for a brain hemorrhage. He had some setbacks but is on meds and doing well at this time. Cards of cheer for both may be mailed to: 11618 S. Greenwich Road, Mulvane, KS. 67110.

Sherry K. Culbertson, Stones River Unit member from TN, lost her brother Bruce. He was a Marine injured in Viet Nam. Cards of condolence may be sent to: 14151 Old Hickory Blvd. Antioch, TN. 37013.

Barbara Lloyd, Mountainside MCLA, in WV, mourns the passing of her brother in law, Bill Lloyd. Cards of condolence for Barb and her husband Bob go to: 461 Miller Road, Ridgeley, WV. 26753-7143.

Past Chief Phil Ruhmshottel had a really rough time before he was able to receive a pacemaker. We wish he and Caroline nothing but the best after such a tough time. Cards of cheer for both of these dear folks may be sent to: 9503 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664-3177.

Semper Fidelis,

Barb Nobile, PNP  
National Chaplain



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