



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

JUNE 2011 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



To: All Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary
From: M. Alice Blackford, National President

The 65th Annual VA Voluntary Service Conference was held 27-29 April, 2011 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Your National Representative Rosemary Bressler, National Deputy Inda Adams and I attended. If possible, any Rep., Dep. or volunteer should make plans to attend the VAVS Conference. The main agenda is helping our veterans. New programs and information is shared in various scheduled workshops. At long last, the specific needs of our female veterans are being recognized. Some Units are contributing to the Maternity Program (pre- and post-delivery) by giving the veteran mother a gift basket which contains items for her and the baby as a way to say thank you for her service. The next Conference will be 14-16 March, 2012 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Our National History Book Chairman has requested you turn your books in to her by Wednesday, 3 August, 2011. Guidelines are included in this newsletter.

Flag Day is 14 June. Fly your Flag, show and teach respect and if possible develop programs to encourage others to do the same.

By now you should have the May Newsletter and under separate mailing, e-mail or the web page copies of the Proposed Bylaw Changes. Again, I request you study the contents of each proposal carefully. Unit and Department Presidents are encouraged to discuss the information with your members so they may give input into the vote of the Delegate. Writing your motion(s) down and having a copy for the Convention Secretary will help in conducting business. Refer to the National Bylaws, Article One, Section 110- Voting. (A) Majority (B) Delegate vote and unit strength (C) Roll call (D) Specific rule for the Department President or her designee (E) Department vote challenge. Section 105 (E) – No paid member in good standing may be deprived of her individual vote at National Convention.

Each Unit President shares an important role. The success and work of the Auxiliary starts at the Unit level. The President's enthusiasm, interest, and respect for the majority and minority sets the tone of the meetings and activities. Share the news from National and keep your members informed. Your National Officers are here for you and following the chain of command to assist you.

Congratulations to new Unit – Henry County Lady Leathernecks in Stockbridge, Georgia.

Again, please do not send in dues until after the Convention vote on a possible dues increase.

Unit and Department Past Presidents Pins are now \$80 which includes shipping and handling.

Flag Day
14 June

Father's Day
19 June



Semper Fi,

M. Alice Blackford

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National Web site: <http://www.nationalmcla.org>



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Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

TO: All Members Marine Corps League Auxiliary
FROM: National Sr. Vice President Gerri Tuohy
RE: Presidents Council Meeting

Our Presidents Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 7:45 a.m. The exact location will be announced once we are at the Double Tree Hotel in Boise, Idaho.

This meeting is open to all past and present Department and Unit Presidents, along with any member who is interested in learning what this position entails. Everyone participating and sharing ideas as to how they entice ladies to join and what it is that keeps them coming back is discussed. Sharing ideas and supporting one another is a worthwhile tool in retaining membership. This is an informal meeting where no covers are worn.

If you have any particular areas you would like discussed, please notify me in advance and I will see that it is an agenda item.

Looking forward to seeing many!!



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SOUTHERN DIVISION

I thought it would be nice to ask each Unit President in the Southern Division to submit some things they are doing.

The Alamo Unit starts off their year preparing for distribution of the Semper Fidelis awards to 57 high school first year outstanding ROTC cadets all over Texas. We assist the League with their fund raisers as well as having cake sales during the fund raisers. A couple of the ladies go once a month to BAMC at the Wounded Warriors Service Center to help feed the wounded warriors and their families. We also give toys at Christmas to CASA (Child Advocates San Antonio) for children ranging from new born to teenagers. One of our members goes with her husband to the homeless burials when they are held. Auxiliary members also help feed the visiting Marine Band during Fiesta.

The Big D Unit had three members attend the Young Marines Car Wash and gave them the Unit's donation. They participated in community service projects. Four of our members helped raise money for a lady that had cancer and did not have insurance by donating items to be auctioned, raffled and used for a cake walk. Every December we participate in Toys for Tots.

The Coastal Bend Unit sent care packages to our Marines overseas. These packages included such items as shampoo, toiletries, candy, socks, and lotions. We sent stamped Christmas cards to our vets at the Audie Murphy Hospital in San Antonio so veterans could personalize them and send them to their family and friends. We had numerous garage sales to raise monies for our scholarships that are awarded every year. We give out two scholarships at \$500.00 each. Several members from our Unit attended the funeral services for Maria Ramos from the Zapata Unit. Other members attended her memorial services. A memorial service was held at our monthly meeting for our local life member, Suzanna Perez. A donation of \$50.00 was made to the American Diabetes Association in Suzanna's name. Another \$50.00 was sent in her name to the Alzheimer's Association. A \$100 donation was given to help Belinda Rischner with her medical expenses. She is battling lung cancer. Also, we hosted a reception following the Iwo Jima Ceremony serving refreshments of sandwiches, chips, fruit and cake.

The Heart of Texas Unit volunteers at the VA hospital and nursing homes. They helped with Toys for Tots to benefit the Salvation Army. Members assisted the Blue Star Mothers fill 178 boxes with items they purchased and donated to be mailed to our Troops in Afghanistan. Also, they aided BSM with the Wounded Warriors Blood Drive for our service men. Their members participated in Memorial Day ceremonies, the Veterans Day parade, a flag retirement ceremony, and an Avenue of Flags ceremony. Unit members helped with the Leatherneck 5K run and with the Rose Program.

Pecan Valley Community Services for Project Deport include July 4th Community-wide garage sales, free hot dogs and trimmings, games, bounce house, etc.; Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, the Missing Man Ceremony; October Halloween Trick and Treat in a church parking lot giving candy from car trunks; a Thanksgiving meal prepared by the Project Deport Board and community members; a February Valentine Meal and Bingo games with prizes; and a Memorial Day celebration honoring veterans. We sell candy, popcorn, snacks, drinks and other treats to make money for these community projects.

The Rose City Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary excitedly received its Charter on January 29, 2011. We wish to acknowledge and thank all of the visiting Auxiliary officers who attended and participated in the Charter presentation. We also want to thank the many Marine Corps League members who took time to attend our ceremony. Since receiving our Charter, we held our first fund raiser by cooking for our League members at the February meeting. We are working on obtaining items and organizing mail outs to our Marines overseas. We also participate in the quarterly recruit poolee PFT meetings by providing some of the food and serving the poolees, the recruiters, and the family members who attend. We are also planning a hamburger dinner to support the Marine Corps League at their next meeting. For some reason, more guys show up when they know the women are cooking! We are very excited to join the many women already participating in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and we expect to do good things to honor our Charter and the Auxiliary overall in the future.

The Texoma Unit was active this past year from November 23, 2010 through December 22, 2010 with the Toys for Tots Campaign. Toy collections were over 32,000 and after sorting, we distributed over 28,000 toys in Grayson County and in surrounding counties. We provide over four major luncheons for the monthly League meetings. Members have visited many of the veterans hospitalized during the year.

The Williamson County/Cen-Tex Unit members work alongside our Detachment members at their monthly spaghetti dinners which are open to the public the second Friday of each month. They sell desserts at the spaghetti dinners. At the occasional pancake breakfast held at a local restaurant, the ladies assist with the cleanup. Each month, at our Detachment meetings, the Auxiliary cooks a covered dish supper prior to each meeting. In April the Auxiliary and the Detachment held a tailgate party prior to attending a minor league baseball game. The Auxiliary provided some of the covered dishes at the tailgate party. Auxiliary members also work with and help at the VFW's Veterans Bingo party game. We enjoy working with our Detachment members.

The Zapata Unit mainly assists the League in their projects. We hosted a Halloween party for the children of Zapata with free candy for all. We held a Helmet Drive to collect money for Toys for Tots, bought and wrapped presents, then assisted in handing them out to the needy children in the county. We cook, serve, and clean up once a month when the detachment holds a Fajita Plate Sale. We also help the detachment with monthly clean-up of the grounds, meeting room and kitchen.

The Claude Rogers/River Valley Unit participated in parades and Memorial Day functions. We helped the League decorate for the Marine Corps Ball and supplied food/snacks for the Instillation Party and the Christmas Party. We helped some members with a garage sale. We did Toy for Tots: picked up toys, distributed, counted and helped out other organizations with toys. We made visits to a nursing home on Veterans Day where we passed out flags and bananas. For Christmas we made up care packages with puzzles, stuffed toys, candy, etc. Some members attended State and National Conventions, Mid-Winter and Southern Division.

As you can see, we do a lot in our Units and Leagues, and also help the Detachment members. But isn't that what it's all about, helping those in need in our community and beyond. Thank all you ladies for all you do.

Dorcas Simpson

Dorcas Simpson
Southern Division Vice-President



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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

With half the Auxiliary year behind us, we are working hard and growing. In the last six months we have participated in community and patriotic parades, honored our veterans at Veterans Day programs, assisted with funerals, and placed flags in cemeteries around the Division. Members have volunteered endless hours at VA Facilities and local nursing homes, donated comfort items to state-funded nursing homes and sent out hundreds of boxes to our Marines in harm's way.

We helped celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday in seven states, worked uncountable hours for Toys for Tots, assisted the League with the Young Marine Program, Boy Scouts, JROTC Awards and both State and National Scholarship Funds. Our units have given out Girl Scout Gold Awards and donated items and money to the "Operation Little Angel Program."

We are proud to say we have installed the Jack Ivy Unit in Port St. Lucie, Florida, with 17 new members on April 3rd. The Citrus Unit in Beverly Hills, Florida is awaiting its new Charter. On May 7 in McDonough, Georgia, the Henry County Lady Leathernecks will be installed with 14 new members. Congratulations Ladies!

At the Southeast Division meeting it was my honor to present the "Frances Watt / Norma Liner Award" to an outstanding Auxiliary member. This award was presented to Dorthea Headley, Past President of the Bare Foot Bay Unit, Florida. Dorthea is truly a dedicated member, hard worker and remarkable leader.

Lois Payne

Lois Payne
Southeast Division President

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS AWARD

The Chapel of Four Chaplains Award is a special way to honor someone for their volunteerism. There is no charge and all it takes is for you to write a small summary of why they should receive the award. Over the years it has been for hours of community service, working with the veterans, volunteering in church programs, or working extensively with the scouting programs.

The Chapel award is not exclusively for members of the Auxiliary or League. It may be given to someone in your community or family who has achieved these special goals of volunteering. Many communities have the Teacher of the Year award, and if a teacher has done something special outside of their regular curriculum, then perhaps they would be deserving of the award.

Over the past few years the awards have been presented at staff meetings, Division meetings and Department Conventions. We have also presented them at church functions, awards night in the community and school PTA meetings. They are not only presented at the Mid-Winter staff meeting or our National Convention.

I have previously advised the members to allow six weeks for your nomination to be approved and completed. When submitting the nomination, remember to have the date when it is to be presented and where it will take place. Remember that many of us have held office in our Unit or Detachment. If you submit a name and all you submit are different offices they have held, I cannot guarantee it will be approved. They need to have done something more for those positions than the regular requirements so please list all their special accomplishments and outstanding service that you think makes them deserving of this award.

The rule requires a previous recipient must sign any submission. If you have not received the award and wish to submit a name, I will sign the nomination for you.

Marilyn Loeven

PNP Marilyn Loeven

National Liaison for the Chapel of Four Chaplains

THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19112
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LEGION OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

I nominate the following person(s) being deserving of membership in the Chapel's LEGION OF HONOR. They have served others unselfishly. They have not previously been nominated, and I believe they would add honor to the roll of awardees.

Signature _____

Kindly include a nominating statement for each nominee, giving reasons why he or she should be granted the Legion of Honor Award.

1. Name:

Phone:

Address:

Nominating Statement:

2. Name:

Phone:

Address:

Nominating Statement:

Name (Please type or print) Phone

Address City State Zip



Guidelines for Memory Book

1. Book is to be a scrapbook or photo album, **NOT** a loose-leaf notebook, not to exceed 13" x 15".
2. Have a Cover Sheet:
 - a. To include MCLA Logo,
 - b. Department and Unit names,
 - c. Dates book covers (such as August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011), and
 - d. Name of person compiling the book.
3. A Table of Contents with each event listed in the order that it occurred. If more than one page is needed, they should be all the same number.
Example: Convention – Opening Ceremony Page 1
 Flea Scratch Page 1
 Banquet Page 1
 Labor Day Picnic Page 1
4. All pictures are to be labeled: Event, each person is to be named.
Example: Veterans Day Parade – L to R: Mary Smith, Jane Doe, John Doe
NO League pictures unless there are Auxiliary members present in the picture.
5. No personal pictures.
Example: Wedding Showers, Weddings, Baby Showers, Vacations, etc.
6. Newspaper articles should be trimmed, identified and labeled to determine what is being viewed. Articles must have the "5-W's": WHO – WHAT – WHEN – WHERE – WHY.
7. When including a news media item, photos may accompany this to enhance the event.
8. All events and articles are to be in chronological order.
9. Books should be neat.
10. Books must be at the National Convention to be judged and arrangements made to pick them up after the judging. The Chairman will collect the books at a designated time. Usually by the end of business on Tuesday.

Inda Adams

Inda Adams
Memory Book Chairman

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

INSTRUCTIONS for DEPARTMENT and/or UNIT HISTORIAN

Please read the instructions carefully and completely before you begin.

- A. All History Books must be bound books 8 1/2" x 11" (or slightly larger), with lined pages with approximately 1 1/2" margins.
- B. History written in the book must be longhand in ink. Both sides of each page must be used and numbered.
- C. History Books should be brought to National Convention and turned in on the first day of the Convention. They will be judged on originality, neatness, clarity, and accuracy in following the given instructions. The books are the property of the respective Units/Departments and need to be reclaimed at the end of Convention.
- D. At the end of the Historian's term, the History Book is turned over to the successor. The new Historian will continue in the same book until it becomes a necessity to start a new book. A limited number of photos of officers, special events, or groups may be, but are not necessary, to be included. No newspaper clippings are to be put in the History Book. History Books are to be done annually going from year to year. Since information from the annual reports are included, you may want it to be the same, or from National Convention to National Convention. It must be year to year, regardless.

The following is a description of each page. Remember, both sides of all pages must be numbered starting with the flyleaf as "Page 1". More pages may be used, as the subject requires. Therefore, you may use ten pages to cover membership, but they will all be numbered "Page 5". In the case of Page 7, you will use at least four (4) pages all numbered "Page 7" with the sub-division as listed in the example. Use as many pages as needed, but the number should be the same as the subject.

MODEL OR EXAMPLE

- Page 1 (Flyleaf) HISTORY - Name of Unit (or Department), Date, Compiled by: (Name of Historian)
- Page 2 Officers - With positions, names and addresses. Units may also list Department Officers. Departments are to include name of each Officer's home Unit and office.
- Page 3 Installation - Include Installing Officers, ceremonies, date, time and place. Photos are sometimes used here.
- Page 4 Meetings - Include number per year, when and where held, as well as presiding officer.
- Page 5 Membership - Departments list name and address of each Unit in the Department, along with names of Presidents. The Unit should list the name and address of each member. Each year you may refer back to the previous year, if the list is too long to repeat, but will be in the same bound book. Indicate any alterations such as deaths, dropped members or transfers.

Example: Same as Page 5 of 1990 except for:

- a. Ann Smith who dropped membership.
- b. Betty Miller who passed away.
- c. Jean Rogers who transferred to ABC Unit.

New members added are:

- a. Roma Bartlett of 10 Main Street, Anytown
- b. Sally White of 20 Main Street, Anytown

We now have a Total of 111 members.

- Page 6 Hospital - Chairperson's name or VAVS Representative's name, name of the hospital affiliated with the Unit, name of workers and number of hours each contributed, as well as any special social events. **Departments** are to compile reports of Units listing same as above as well as any Department VAVS Representatives or Hospitals affiliated with the Department.
- Page 7 Rehabilitation - Name of Chairperson and brief description of the program for the year as compiled in your report.
Civics - Name of Chairperson and brief description of the program for the year as compiled in your report.
Child Welfare and Youth Activities - Name of Chairperson and brief description of the program for the year as compiled in your report.
Americanism - Name of Chairperson and brief description of the program for the year as compiled in your report.
- Page 8 Finance - Complete annual financial statement indicating what money came in and what went out, as well as from to where. Be sure to also indicate Balance on Hand.
- Page 9 Awards - Name of award, who received it and for what it was received. Indicate any projects involved.
- Page 10 Annual Department Convention - Place, time and events. **Departments** list the names of the delegates and members attending, along with the name of the Unit each person represents. List the total number attending, including guests. **Units** list their delegates and members attending. You may list Department officers here. List the total number attending, including guests. **National Convention** - Place, time and events. List the names of the delegates and members of Units or Department attending. You may list National officers here. List the total number attending, including guests.
- Page 11 Memorial and Special Day Observances - Brief description of each.
- Page 12 Comments of Historian - Along with signature, this is the final sheet.



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JULY 31st - AUGUST 5th 2011**

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 88TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Double Tree Riverside Hotel – Boise, Idaho

31 July – 5 August 2011

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<p>Sunday, 31 July – Welcome Buffet</p> <p>The Buffet will consist of fine foods with an Idaho theme. Enjoy this welcome reception for attendees to the MCL 2011 Convention, giving everyone a chance to meet and become acquainted or to reconnect with old friends. A cowboy poet provides the evening's entertainment. Price includes taxes and gratuities. No Host Bar 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner 8:00-8:30 p.m.</p>	\$35.00	_____	_____																
<p>Monday, 1 August – Thunder Mountain Line Dinner Excursion</p> <p>The Thunder Mountain Line takes you back in time to when folks moved at a slower pace and enjoyed the simpler things in life. The train ride offers beautiful scenery as it winds through a narrow canyon along the rugged Payette River. At the turnaround point, a Western-style barbecue dinner will be served. Tour includes transportation to and from the depot with light snacks and drinks on the bus. 5:00-10:00 p.m. The ride to the depot in Horseshoe Bend is approximately one hour.</p>	\$95.00	_____	_____																
<p>Tuesday, 2 August – World Center for Birds of Prey & Falconry Center Tour</p> <p>The World Center for Birds of Prey offers the opportunity to visit the amazing world of raptors face to face. Through live bird presentations and interactive displays, learn how the Peregrine Fund is saving endangered bird species like falcons and condors through its breed and release program. This guided tour continues through the Archives of Falconry where you will see original art, rare books and an exhibit honoring the ancient tradition of falconry in the Middle East. Water and snacks will be provided on the bus. 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</p>	\$42.00	_____	_____																
<p>Tuesday, 2 August or Wednesday, 3 August – Boise Historic Tour</p> <p>Learn about the history of Boise and its impact on Boise today during this 1.5 hour tour of our Capital City. The tour covers the urban core of Downtown Boise – including Bodo, the Boise Depot, Linen District and Capitol building. Boise's downtown is culturally diverse, and participants will see and learn about our mix of performing arts centers, music and dance theaters and the legacies behind them. Boise's history is diverse with Basque shepherders, Chinese business owners, pioneer travelers and gold diggers all playing an important part in Boise's development. 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-noon.</p>	\$18.00	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tuesday 8/2</td> <td>Tuesday, 8/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>tour</td> <td>tour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR</td> <td>OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:00 a.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:30 a.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>Wednesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8/3 tour</td> <td>8/3 tour</td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday 8/2	Tuesday, 8/2	tour	tour	OR	OR	9:00 a.m.		OR		10:30 a.m.		Wednesday	Wednesday	8/3 tour	8/3 tour	_____
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<p>Tuesday, 2 August or Wednesday, 3 August – Camille Beckman Tour</p> <p>Special for the Ladies – but men are welcome. Camille Beckman Lotions and Creams are the nation's best-kept secret! In normal climates they really work, but in extreme ones, you'll be amazed! See the production facility firsthand as a production supervisor shares information about the development of the facility and company history. Guests may browse the company store to sample and purchase Camille Beckman products. Water and snacks will be provided on the bus 9:00 a.m.-noon.</p>	\$32.00	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tuesday 8/2</td> <td>Tuesday, 8/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>tour</td> <td>tour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR</td> <td>OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>Wednesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8/3 tour</td> <td>8/3 tour</td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday 8/2	Tuesday, 8/2	tour	tour	OR	OR	Wednesday	Wednesday	8/3 tour	8/3 tour	_____						
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<p>Tuesday, 2 August – Old Idaho Penitentiary and Botanical Garden Tour</p> <p>Imagine stepping into the cells of long-gone criminals at the Old Idaho Penitentiary Historical Site! The guided tour of the grounds includes a look into the cell blocks, yards, death row and gallows chambers. It is a fascinating tour steeped in history. Continuing to the Idaho Botanical Gardens, there will be a brief guided introduction to the Garden followed by free time to explore the natural exhibits. The Garden originally served as the farm and nursery for the Idaho State Penitentiary and today has blossomed into numerous specialty gardens. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</p>	\$39.00	_____	_____																

Tuesday, 2 August – Basque Party on the Basque Block **\$67.00** _____

The Basque Block in downtown Boise will be reserved just for this event. Learn about the Basque culture through music, dance and fabulous food, and be sure to visit the Basque Museum. It will be open for tours during the evening. The renowned Oinkari Basque Dancers will also perform. You won't want to miss a minute of this evening! Dinner menu includes appetizers, paella, salad, bread, dessert, water, iced tea and lemonade. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday 3 August – Boise Hawks Baseball Game **\$49.00** _____

Enjoy reserved seating in the shade as you watch the Boise Hawks (a Chicago Cubs farm team) play with the spirit and intensity of the big boys. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat picnic including hamburgers, chicken breasts, hotdogs, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, soft drinks, beer and dessert. If you are looking for a truly entertaining evening this is it! 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 3 August – Golf Scramble **\$40.00** _____

Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart at the beautiful Lakeview Gold Course. Open to five teams of four players, though more teams can be added. Transportation will be provided to and from the course. Rental clubs will be available for \$40.00 a set; pay at club house. Tour departs at 8:00 a.m. with 9:00 a.m. tee time.

Thursday, 4 August – MDD/Flea Lunch at the DoubleTree Riverside **\$26.00** _____

Please indicate number of attendees for luncheon. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

Thursday, 4 August – Warhawk Museum and Snake River Valley Wine Tasting Tour **\$72.00** _____

Tours guided by military veterans bring the Warhawk Museum alive, from the home front to the war front. See two Curtiss P-40 World War II fighter planes, the rare WWII P-51C Mustang and a World War I Dr-I Fokker Tri-Plane replica along with equipment and memorabilia exhibits. (You may have lunch at a neighboring restaurant, but lunch is NOT included in the tour cost.) Continuing to the Snake River Wine Country, enjoy a guided tour of a winery with an introduction to the science of wine making by a local vintner. Participants may taste wine at three different wineries. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, 4 August – Idaho City Tour & Event **\$110.00** _____

Enjoy guided tours around the historic mining town of Idaho City, once the largest city in Idaho. Watch chain saw and gold panning demonstrations and a Western gunfight performed by real cowboys and cowgirls. And if you need more, there will be a band and beer tent! Dinner will be served buffet-style by Trudy's Kitchen. Menu includes Idaho steak, salad, baked potato bar, non-alcoholic drinks and dessert. This is the Wild West at its finest!. 4:00-10:00 p.m.

Friday, 5 August – Grande Banquet dinner **\$40.00** _____

Don't miss the final event of the 2011 Marine Corps League Convention and the drawing for the Cougar Hunt grand prize. The Grande Banquet Dinner includes a No Host Bar before dinner. Enjoy your choice of steak, salmon or chicken. Guaranteed to please! Price includes all taxes and gratuities. No-Host Bar from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please indicate your choice of entrée with the number of each needed.

Steak _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____

Please note: The meals and activities above have maximum and minimum participant counts.

Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. You will be notified if a choice is no longer available or if it is cancelled.

Visit www.tvdmcl.org for more detailed information on the convention activities and meals.

Please direct convention questions to Art Kilton, 208-440-4057. Please direct tour questions to Katey Speegle, kspeegle@tmnevents.com.

Mail this entire two-sided form and a check payable to MCL, 2011 Convention before 1 June 2011 to:

MCL, 2011 Convention, PO Box 45874, Boise, ID 83711

_____ Total Check Amount

Name: _____ Title: _____

Det/Unit _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone: _____

For your convenience, you may pay online at www.tvdmcl.org, giving you the option of paying for all activities and meals by credit card.

This is a secure way to make payments over the internet.

June 2011 National MCLA Chaplain's Corner

“When two or more of you come together in my name, I am there with you.”

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Helen Finn* 4/17/2011

Northampton County Unit, Easton, Pennsylvania

Condolences to: Husband Joseph Finn, 115 Paako St., Kapaa, HI 96746-9542

Helen Carlino * 4/25/2011

Capt. William Dale O'Brien Unit, Albany, New York

Condolences to: Carlo P. Carlino, 510 Second St., Albany, NY 12206-2438

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I received notes of thanks from families for your many prayers and cards. One came from the family of Nancy Ann Morris' daughter Kathleen Wise. She said on the day after Mother's Day she re-read the sympathy cards making her feel ever so close to her mother. She wished to thank me personally and all the members of the Auxiliary and Units who so kindly remembered her mother. She states you are a special and appreciated group of ladies.

I received a note of thanks to the MCLA from Joe and Teresa Terry of Missouri on the passing of Joe's mother. Joe and Teresa Terry, 518 Rodeo Road, Camdenton, MO 65020-9392.

Kitty Golden, Dept. of Florida Chaplain, thanks us for cards while she was ill.

Flo Shaw, who is battling cancer but taking chemo, thanks you for your prayers and cards: 347 Sand Downs, Benton, MO 63236.

The brother-in-law of Phyllis Tustin passed away. Both Phyllis and her husband Ray are members of the All Divisions MCLA & MCL in Pennsylvania. Cards for Mr. & Mrs. Ray Tustin, 477 Cedar Hollow Drive, Yardley, PA 19067-6354.

All Divisions Unit member Bernice Wirgau lost her sister this past month. Cards of Condolence: 35 Eventide Lane, Levittown, PA 19054-2719.

Many of our members are going to need our prayers and encouragement in the next months as they mourn the passing of their beloved spouses. Cheryl Halderman mourns the passing of her husband Ed, Past Honorary Dept. of Colorado Commandant. For many

years they had been members of the Frank J. Carroll Detachment. Cards for Cheryl: 1511 Conway Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915-2238.

Eva Andrew, President of the Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien Unit in Pennsylvania , lost her husband Erwin, who battled cancer for almost 13 years. Cards for Eva: 195 Consaul Road, Albany, NY 12205-3607.

Midwest Assistant Division VP, Donna Jean Peterson, lost her beloved husband Pete to leukemia and other health issues. Cards for Donna Jean: 412 Commodore Dr., Mankato, MN 56001-5416.

Elsie Amos, Riverview Unit in Florida, has decided to stop her chemo. She is grateful for all the cards already sent and we ask that you keep her in your prayers: 10733 Fern Creek Circle, Riverview, FL 33578-6026.

Betty Frazier, South St. Louis Unit, had a complete knee replacement. She is home now with a visiting nurse helping out. Cards for her: 1408 Summertree Springs Ave. F, Valley Park, MO 63088-1569.

Donna Reisdorph, Dept. of Missouri, had the results of her biopsy indicate the mass removed from her side was a non-malignant Hodgkin's lymphoma. Donna is very appreciative of all the cards and well wishes she has received from her MCLA sisters. She says prayers DO WORK. Donna: 4404 W. Hwy. 86, Joplin, MO 64804-5791.

Beverly Vanderchams, Sr. Vice Pres. of the Lake of the Ozarks Unit, fell and broke her arm recently. She has been sent to an orthopedic specialist. Cards for her: #8 Majestic Oaks Rd., Eldon, MO 65026-5518.

Joyce Cox, Larry Nehring Unit member, Des Moines, Iowa, will be living in the CLC of the Des Moines VA until her leg heals. Cards for her may go to her home: 3330 East 25th #123, Des Moines, IA 50317-3661.

I would ask that you pray for all who are affected by the floods and terrible weather causing members to leave their homes.

In just a few weeks I will be preparing the National Memorial Service pages for National Convention. I must have all the names and formal page of death certificate by July 12th. I appreciate your attention to this detail. I do not want to miss honoring any of our members. I would also ask all the Division Vice Presidents to be on hand to help with that memorial service at convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Nobile

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For Submissions:

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E-mail your submissions to Merilyn9716@aol.com or postal mail: Merilyn Evans, 808 Sandburg Place, Nashville, TN 37214-4051.

All inquiries are welcome.