



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

August 2011 Newsletter

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



It's hard to believe this term of office will soon be over. In nursing at the end of the shift we use to call it transferring the responsibility. In the Auxiliary we "pass the gavel" and this occurs on 5 August.

Members and Committee Chairman have been busy with reporting activities and the convention agenda is planned. Reports of committees will start on Tuesday and the day starts early with the Presidents' Counsel meeting. The Fleas bite and scratch on Wednesday. Thursday the day starts early again with the Past Presidents' Club and then we are back to the regular business meeting.

I hope you have received, shared and discussed the proposed bylaw changes. Please bring your copy with you. Let's be prepared.

It has been a pleasure meeting members on their home turf and receiving their gracious hospitality. For any VA Representative or Deputy try to attend the VAVS National Conference. It is most informative, motivating and the agenda is how to help our veterans. In 2012 the conference will be in Charleston, SC. The trips to Arlington National Cemetery in November and May are inspiring and bring home just how much our military and their family sacrifice and give to protect us.

Thanks to our Administrative Assistant our office is clean and organized. Lynn continues to become more familiar with our records, reports, merchandise, ordering process, the roles of officers on the national, department and unit level and forms. There is a lot to learn and seems the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are a frequent source of reference for a lot of us.

We have 7 new units and 3 are in the process of forming. New members have been gained but we have also lost members. I did not realize just how many detachments are not affiliated with auxiliaries. We have our work cut out for us!

A more complete report will be given at convention. The work of this office and our Auxiliary could not be accomplished without the members, the elected and appointed staff and committees. No one person can claim the success. The individual's dedication is remarkable and I wish to thank each and everyone of you. Thank you to National Commandant Vic Voltaggio, National Executive Director Mike Blum, officers, staff and members of the Marine Corps League who assist and support us.

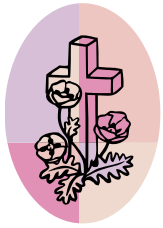
I pledge to assist the incoming officers, staff and members to the best of my ability. I will have 2 titles - one as Jr. Past President and one as "Mea" to my granddaughter and her future sister. They will be part of our future and it's up to me and other family members to instill the volunteer spirit in them.

Semper Fidelis,

M. Alice Blackford

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**I AM NOT GONE: MY SOUL LIVES ON BUT IN A BETTER PLACE,
SURROUNDED BY THE LIGHT OF GOD IN ALL HIS GLORY AND GRACE.**

Lori Tuscan * 5/29/2011
General J. H Pendelton Unit, Warren, PA
Condolences to: Mike Tuscan, 16 Hill St. Warren, PA 16365

Lee Mammone * 6/11/2011
Capt. William Dale O'Brien Unit, Albany, NY
Condolences to: Dominick Mammone, 592 Pinewood Ave. Troy, NY 12180

Sharon Wagner * 6/24/2011
Flint Unit, Michigan
Condolences to: son Robert Wagner, 24849 Landau, Centerline, MI 48015

Yvonne Haynes * 7/3/2011
First Capitol Unit, York, Pa.
Condolences to family of Yvonne Haynes c/o Donna Rober (daughter)
919 Buttonwood Trail, Crownsville, MD 21032

Condolences were also extended to our members for loss of family members.

Penny Hollrah, St Charles County, MO member, lost her mother Marian. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 5 Spencer Path Ct, St Peters MO, 63376.

Lois Hartline, Larry Nehring Unit in Des Moines, lost her daughter, Heather. Cards may be sent to Don & Lois Hartline, 3221 Grand Ave. #7, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312.

Dick Brown, husband of Claire Brown, past NE Division VC passed away. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: PO Box 488, Drums, PA 18222-0488.

Linda Chamberlain, Dept of PA member mourns the passing of her mother, Frances Balercerk. Cards may be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chamberlain, 156 Waverly Road, Southampton, PA 18966.

Becky Devlin, Al Division Unit member, PA lost her brother Richard Morrison after a lengthy illness. He was only 56 yrs old .Becky is the daughter in law of Joan Devlin, whose son Tom Devlin is a Marine. Cards may be sent to: 409 Main Street, Freemansburg, PA 18017.

Past Dept of Pa President, Mae Gensel has a bad case of Shingles. Notes of cheer for her: 37 park Drive, New Columbia, PA

PNP Pat Hortsch, Fell backwards going up the attic steps and broke her neck at C2 and her collar bone. She is not paralyzed, but will need a long recovery. She will be in need of our prayers for some time. Send her cheery greetings, PNP Pat Hortsch, Warwas Health Center, 5373 Richmond Road, Warsaw, VA 22572

Past SW Division vice Geri Phillips is still in need of our prayers as she deals with some serious health issues. She had a pacemaker installed, after years of knowing she had a mitral valve prolapse. She is still experiencing some problems. Please keep this beautiful lady in your prayers as she deals with her pain. Cards of cheer go to: PO Box 937, Victor, MT 59875. Her husband

Meade, you will remember was quite ill some time back. He now has an insulin pump. And he said, they will make quite a pair going through the airports in the future.

Linda Shurtleff, Melvin M. Smith Unit member in Spokane, WA had knee replacement surgery. There were some complications that required she stay hospitalized longer and facing a lengthy recovery period. Notes of cheer would be most welcome: 3307 West Dalton, Spokane, WA 99205.

Holiday Unit Florida gals in need of our prayers and cards are:

Shere Mason, had lower back surgery. She fell and injured her neck. Cards may be sent to her at: 14322 Meyer Ave, Hudson, FL 34669-1014.

Jenice Reavis had extensive cancer surgery and could use some cheer. 7352 Banner St. New Port Richey, Fl 34653.

Dept of Florida Senior Vice, Joan Cecil was in rehab after undergoing back surgery. Cards may be to 5248 Venti Terrace, Inverness, FL 34452-7888.

Dept of Florida member, Jean Sponheim, was in the hospital and is now home. Cards for her go to: 7278 Royal Oak Drive, Spring Hill, Florida, 34607.

Barbara Barrow, Dept of Florida member is suffering from a very aggressive form of cancer. Prayers and cards may be sent to her: 3290 Woodbridge, The Villages, FL 32162.

Some good news comes in the form of congratulations to PNP Ruth Moyse, who learned she will be the grandmother of a girl soon, (she has all boys right now).

By the time many of you read this, you will either be at National convention or on your way. Some of you will be at home reading this. For all practical purposes this will be my last newsletter as your National Chaplain. I have said on many occasions, it has been a labor of love. I mean that from the bottom of my heart. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to report on the sicknesses and status of our members. I took it as a solemn oath to do the best I could to honor those of our members who had passed from our midst. Thank you to all of you for your faithful correspondence. I wish our new board members much success in their endeavors and bless them all.

With Love.

Barbara Nobile, PNP

National MCLA Chaplain





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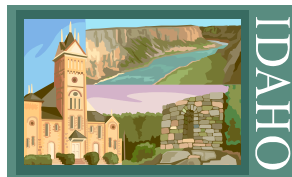
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