



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

MCLA News

Happy New Year!



Gerri Tuohy, National President

From the Desk of the National President

Happy New Year! A new beginning and a new year allows us to refresh our attempts at recruiting new members. Just a thought, if every member signed up one person, our auxiliary would double in size. Let's accept this as a challenge – as the kids would say, "I dare you".

Have had some inquiries for starter kits and our most recent in Alabama. Wouldn't it be great to install a new unit in our August convention site? After all ladies we all know those detachments who have auxiliary units connected to them prosper much better. In most cases this established camaraderie is a welcoming thought.

The Mid Winter Conference information was in the December newsletter. Please be sure to make your reservations and send in your registration for. Support our conference by placing an ad in the program book.

Please return your raffle tickets for the National Headquarters project – Evelyn Joppa and her committee has done a wonderful job of once again handling this large endeavor.

National Junior Vice President Deborah Evans will be presenting 100% membership certificates at Mid Winter to units and departments who are in good standing with all dues, bonds and obligations paid.

It was decided by our membership not to hold an Operation Little Angel social event

at Mid Winter Conference. We are "over the top" in donating at our National Convention to an agency in the local area. In lieu of this, I decided to hold a social gathering in my room on Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. This will be a Mardi Gras, Flea, OLA social. I may come up with a game or two – remember to bring your Mardi Gras beads. Snacks and beverages will be provided. I spoke with OLA chairperson Barb Nobile and asked if she would confer with her committee to see if they would consider donating \$1000 to the Women of the Chapel in Quantico. I feel that we just established a rapport with this group and would like to continue since this as it is a direct affiliation with the Marines. There is a Families Helping Families event held in April where these gift cards would be distributed among the enlisted families. The committee agreed to this proposal and we may have a representative at our social gathering. Look for our flyer in the February newsletter with details. First time for this type of event – come and enjoy the fun.

I will be working on my schedule of events for our February conference. If any of you would like a particular item addressed, please contact me and I will arrange to include it with the agenda.

As we move ahead into our new year, let us remember our veterans who have sacrificed much for our freedom. Continue to keep our active duty service men and women in constant prayer as they tirelessly fight for our great nation. Be kinder than necessary, everyone is struggling with some type of battle.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy

National President

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ALWAYS A MARINE



On Nov. 22, Representative Eric Cantor awarded James Corbin the 2011 Congressional Veterans Commendation during a ceremony at the War Memorial in Richmond, Va. Corbin, a 93-year-old **Marine** veteran was recognized for his five-year military career and two tours of duty in World War II. Despite being out of the **Marine Corps** for 60 years, he would object to being called a "former" **Marine** or any other characterization that suggests that he would not be willing and able to ship out tomorrow, if needed. Corbin still flies the red flag of the Marines outside his home and a leather jacket bearing the branch's Eagle, Globe and Anchor insignia still hangs on a coat-rack in his hallway. He enlisted in the **Corps** in 1940 after seeing the

Marines' blue dress uniforms and started out stationed aboard the USS Erie in Panama. "The Marines was the best education I ever received," said Corbin. "I learned so much about how tough things can be. When you're constantly facing the fear of death, I also learned to pray." Of his award from Congressman Cantor, Corbin said he was flattered to receive the honor. His story will be recorded as part of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

To read more of this article visit:

<http://www2.orangenews.com/lifestyles/2011/dec/07/always-marine-ar-1527374/>

Ask Me What I Am....

I'll reply with what I've done.
Those things others would not do, I did.

The rivers others would not swim, I swam.

The hills others would not climb, I conquered.

The bridges others would not cross, I crossed.

I have celebrated. I have mourned.

I have smiled and I have frowned.

I have seen death and felt it's warm breath.

It did not faze me.

For I was different, I was a warrior.

You ask me what I am?

It is my destiny, until my last breath –

To be a United States Marine!
And my spirit shall live forever.

Semper Fidelis!



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For Submissions: The Deadline for all articles is the 10th of each month, without exception and is strictly upheld. All articles will be subject to both appropriateness and to space available. Email your articles to Meg Krebs at mystickreature@msn.com

With the cost of Postage going up, it is imperative that we send the newsletters via email whenever possible. Please send your name and email address to: MCLA_Newsletters@msn.com

Want to receive this newsletter by regular Mail? Send your name, address and a \$10.00 check payable to: National Marine Corps League Auxiliary to cover postage for one year of Issues to National Headquarters, 8626 Lee Highway, Suite 207, Fairfax, VA 22031-2135. You may also get your copy of the newsletter from our website at www.nationalmcla.org



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

TO: National President, National Sr. Vice President, National Judge Advocate, National Board of Trustees, Departments, Units and Members

From: National Jr. Vice President Deborah Evans

I hope that each of you have been working to recruit new members and to maintain or better your membership numbers from last year. I look forward to presenting 100% membership certificates at the Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Following are the amended Administrative Procedure changes accepted at the 2011 Convention in Boise, ID in August. Please make these changes to your current Administrative Procedures. New copies of the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures will be printed when all of the re-typing is completed.

Administrative Procedures, General Report Guidelines Section F. Sub-Section 1:

Report all activities and donations given to Federally funded Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. (Brief: Changed wording from Veterans Administration Medical Centers to Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.)

Administrative Procedures, General Report Guidelines Section F. Sub-Section 2:

Include miles driven to and from the VA facility and serving time for purchased food brought to the activity. (Brief: Removed the word "preparation.")

Administrative Procedures Enclosure #20 Uniform and Regalia Code Description of Pins and Badges, Sentence #5:

The Drop of Blood pin is awarded to anyone donating blood to the VAVS or Community Blood Bank Drive. (Brief: Added the words "Community Blood Bank Drive.")

Administrative Procedures Enclosure #20 Uniform and Regalia Code Description of Pins and Badges, Sentence #7:

The VAVS Hospital pin is a round pin with rocker bar. Member must have proof of fifty (50) hours of hospital service to receive this pin. (Brief: changed the description of the pin to match the VAVS pin that is now distributed.)

Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three Section 300 Sub-section J:

Operation Little Angel Committee—The national Operation Little Angel Program shall be a standing committee consisting of no less than five, no more than seven members to be appointed by the National President with the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Chairman and Co-Chairman are to be appointed, along with any other committee members, each year by the National President with the approval of the Board of Trustees. (Brief: change appointment term to each year.)

Administrative Procedures Chapter 3 Section 315-Employees:

(A) National Secretary:

(1) Shall be employed with an hourly wage to fulfill the duties required at National Headquarters and will report to the National President. The secretary will work the minimum or maximum hours per week according to available resources and need at heavy duty times and approved by the National President and the National Board of Trustees. Hours, wages, duties, expectations, and priorities appropriate to hours worked are clarified by the National President. Wages are paid only for hours worked except for holidays falling within the agreed

- schedule. Schedule to be agreed upon by the employee and the National President and communicated on the headquarters answering machine.
- (2) Shall have days off on the holidays falling within the regular work schedule and observed by the Federal government, with the exception of some needs on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.
 - (3) Shall notify the National President if it is necessary to be away from National Headquarters.
 - (4) Shall report hours for wages as agreed with an automatic data processing system provided and keep records.
 - (5) Shall supervise the Marine Corps League Auxiliary's National Headquarters by doing the duties explained herein and communicating weekly with the National President with an outline of the bank balance for the different accounts, clarification of the status of the office, and bring to her attention matters of extraordinary expense, significance, or importance and any issues that should be addressed by her and/or the Board.
 - (6) Shall answer telephone calls and e-mails and sort and process all mail in a timely manner. Shall answer all correspondence under the direction of the National President, as appropriate.
 - (7) Shall keep the business of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Headquarters current and solvent by
 - a. Maintaining the accounting system in Quick Books
 - b. Keeping expenditures within the annual budget
 - c. Recording and filing all invoices and materials received
 - d. Notifying the National Comptroller of amounts to be paid and keep bills paid on time
 - e. Paying expenditures by check signed by the National Comptroller and National Secretary or in the case of an emergency, the National President may sign for either the National Comptroller or National Secretary
 - (1) Two (2) signatures are required on each check
 - (2) Exceptions are for expenditures made through automatic withdrawals such as credit card use payments, wage payments, some vendor payments and supply credit card payments.
 - f. Deposit and record all money received in a timely manner
 - g. Notify each Unit or Department of any indebtedness owed to National Headquarters
 - h. Communicate needs, questions, concerns, and the status of financial accounts weekly with the National Comptroller.
 - (8) Shall maintain and update the membership database and other membership information by
 - a. Processing all transmittals in a timely manner, returning receipted copies of same to necessary officers (i.e. – Unit or Department treasurer, or Division Vice President), and sending membership pins and cards accordingly.
 - b. Maintaining filing of transmittals and applications
 - c. Being able to report on current membership as requested
 - d. Sending additional transmittal forms when the submission is on the carbon-type transmittal, otherwise it is assumed that transmittals forms will be obtained through the national MCLA web site
 - e. Processing annual Bond forms and fees from each Unit and Department and note as received on transmittal receipt. It is assumed that the annual Bond form will be obtained through the National MCLA web site unless a Bond form is requested from National Headquarters.
 - (9) Shall maintain adequate inventories and merchandise for headquarters and the Ships Store with approval of the National President before ordering materials and necessary quantity. Shall accept and records payments for Ships Store orders and ship requested orders.
 - (10) Shall work with and be available to assist the National Auditor in July to compile the annual audit report of National Headquarters.
 - a. Shall furnish complete records, complete statement of receipts and disbursements, and all account records during the fiscal year starting July 1 of the previous year
 - b. Provide a current inventory of the office supplies and merchandise for resale with unit cost through June 30 of each year
 - (11) Shall maintain filing of National Board of Trustees minutes, national convention proceedings, state tax records, national auditor's reports, 990 and tax filings, and miscellaneous records and paperwork.
 - a. Shall mail national convention proceedings to each unit, and department within sixty (60) days following each national convention.
 - b. Shall make sure that National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League has a copy of 1) the National Convention proceedings, 2) the report of the activities of the proceeding year of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and 3) a copy of the audit by the National auditor of National Headquarters, and all subsidiary organizations as approved by the National Convention for the previous year, also within sixty (60) days following each National Convention.

(12) May contract extra help with the approval of the National President and the National Board of Trustees, if the budget allows.

(13) Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the National President and the National Board of Trustees as appropriate.

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Administrative Procedures, Chapter Six Section 600 Sub-section B:

If a Unit votes to change its name for any reason, the Unit will request, through proper channels and paperwork, a new Charter from National Headquarters. The Charter shall be a duplicate of the original Charter except for the names and signatures of the current National Officers. (Brief: Change from Detachment withdrawal to Unit voting to change; add "and paperwork" and change from current National President to current National Officers.)

Enclosures #'s 12, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 follow as each is a full page change. Please toss the enclosure copies you currently have of these particular enclosures with these new copies. These will also be updated on the web site. Thanks to Meg Krebs for her assistance with these on the web site.

Please remember to make these changes to your current copy of the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and Enclosures. New copies will be printed when re-typing has been completed. Thank you for your patience in looking for the new copies to come out. Two copies will be provided for each Department – one for the President and one for the Judge Advocate. Two copies will be provided for each Unit – one for the President and one for the Judge Advocate. These are to be passed on to the next President and Judge Advocate as changes are made in the officers.

Deborah Evans

National Jr Vice President

Please Note: Enclosures that were mentioned in this article has not been received at the time of going to press, it will be included in the next newsletter issue.





Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Programs of Pride



Torrington Memorial Unit
Torrington, CT

Rhonda Clark, President Torrington Memorial Unit Marine Corps League Auxiliary in Torrington, CT with her is Millie Diaz one of her assistants for Toys For Tots. Rhonda has been Civilian Coordinator for Toys for Tots For Charlie Company for 8 years. She does a lot of work and works hard every year helping under privileged families receive Toys for their children.



Editor's Note: Kudos goes out to Rhonda, to Torrington Memorial Unit and to Millie Diaz. Rhonda sent the info and picture directly to me, I felt it should be shared with everyone.

SHIPS STORE BONANZA

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ORDER FOR MAILING NOW OR PICK-UP DURING MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

MCLA LOGO SHIRTS – BEST DEALS IN TOWN – \$15.00 each – limited quantities

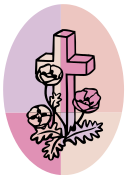
SALES:Casual Clothing:C16A - 158	Shirt, Polo - Pique Knit - White s/s w/Navy Trim (S)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C16B - 159	Shirt, Polo - Pique Knit - White s/s w/Navy Trim (M)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C27A - 370	Shirt, Polo - Pique Knit - White L/S (S)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C27C - 372	Shirt, Polo - Pique Knit - White L/S (Lg)
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SALES:Casual Clothing:C18C - 227	Shirt, Polo - Red - L/S LG
SALES:Casual Clothing:C18E - 229	Shirt, Polo - Red - L/S 2X
SALES:Casual Clothing:C18F - 230	Shirt, Polo - Red - L/S 3X
SALES:Casual Clothing:C19A - 245	Shirt, Polo - Red short sleeve - (S)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C19B - 246	Shirt, Polo - Red short sleeve - (M)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C19C - 247	Shirt, Polo - Red short sleeve - (L)
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24A - 285	Polo, L/S Navy, Sm
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24B - 286	Polo, L/S Navy, Med
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24C - 287	Polo, L/S Navy, Large
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24D - 288	Polo, L/S Navy, XL
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24E - 289	Polo, L/S Navy, 2X
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24F - 290	Polo, L/S Navy, 3X
SALES:Casual Clothing:C23A - 275	Polo, s/s Navy w/Rose on Sleeve, Sm
SALES:Casual Clothing:C23B - 276	Polo, s/s Navy w/Rose on Sleeve, Med
SALES:Casual Clothing:C23C - 277	Polo, s/s Navy w/Rose on Sleeve, Large
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SALES:Casual Clothing:C2011 - 04	Shirt, Polo - Burgundy short sleeve - (XL)
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SALES:Casual Clothing:C2010 - 02	Polo, s/s - Lt Blue, Med
SALES:Casual Clothing:C2010 - 03	Polo, s/s - Lt Blue, Lg

JERZEES ON SALE - \$5.00 EACH - GREAT FOR THOSE EXERCISE CLASSES – LAYER FOR ADDED WARMTH UNDER SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS – VERY COMFY.....

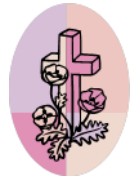
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SALES:Casual Clothing:C24B - 294	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Grey, Med
SALES:Casual Clothing:C24C - 295	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Grey, Lg
SALES:Casual Clothing:C21A - 263	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Black, Sm
SALES:Casual Clothing:C21B - 264	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Black, Med
SALES:Casual Clothing:C22A - 269	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Navy, Sm
SALES:Casual Clothing:C22C - 271	T-Shirt, Jerzees, s/s Navy, Lg

**MORE TO COME. MANY GIFT AND JEWELRY ITEMS BEING REDUCED. ALSO,
THERE WILL BE RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AT MID-WINTER. THREE ITEMS – THREE
CHANCES TO WIN SHOP EARLY – HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

The Ships Store Team



National Chaplain's 2012 January Report



KATHRYN BITHELL* 11/08/2011

HOLIDAY UNIT #130, Fl.

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I have chosen to list Marines that have answered the Final Call and the addresses I have before the Auxiliary news. Part of the purpose of our Auxiliary is to support our Marines and their families. Maybe being led to put them in this order is because my Marine has been ill and I am having difficulty writing about Marines that have passed. Until I started preparing this I didn't realize how many emails I had received saying another Marine had left us.

We were made aware of the serious health issues HPNC and PDD Marine Ray Wilkowski was having. On the 4th of December an email came telling me this Marine, that was a big part of every MCL/MCLA National Convention I had ever attended, had passed away. If there should ever be a National Convention in Heaven I expect HPNC Ray Wilkowski will be running it.

Chaplain Janet Kravec, Department of Missouri, sent word that Marine Allen Cox passed away on Nov.2, 2011. His wife Karlyn's address is: 5544 Wooded Creek Dr, St Charles, Mo 63304

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Elmer Scholtz of the L/Cpl. Justin J. Wilson Detachment 1045, Hobe Sound, Florida, on Saturday, December 17. Elmer, the husband of Frieda (Dolly) of the L/Cpl. Justin J. Wilson Unit Ladies Auxiliary, was 91 and passed away peacefully in his sleep. Cards of condolence may be sent to Frieda at 1783 SW Vickie Terrace, Stuart, Florida 34997-7155.

One of the charter members of Stonewall Detachment and Pound 214, Marine Joe Cox, passed Nov.27th, 2011. His wife Ayleen and family address: 28 College Circle, Staunton, VA 24401-2375

Chaplain Joan Devlin, Department of PA sent an email about 2 Marines that she and her husband knew, Marine Don Schaible and Marine Lee Sellman. Don was a member of the Northampton County Detachment. Lee was a Marine that the Devlins were trying to get into the MCL. Condolences to Joan Schaible 1400 Mine Lane Rd, Easton, PA 18045. Nancy Sellman and Family 4020 Dogwood Court, P.O. Box 548, Frederick, PA 19435-0548.

On November 20th I spoke by phone with Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Wayne Sarapata. Wayne was packing to go to Ohio to attend his dear Mothers funeral. I had called Wayne to ask if he knew anything about the tragic death of Marine Bill and Joyce Nelson's son. He told me that Eston Nelson, 15 years old had in fact passed away. The Nelsons address is: HC 71 Box 35, Ellamore, WV 26267. Jr Chief DD Sarapata is at: 1421 Decatur Street, Chesapeake, VA 23324.

Department of PA Sr. Vice Linda Chamberlain sends "Thank you!" from her husband Charles. He had a recent knee replacement and appreciated the cards and good wishes he got from Auxiliary Units.

Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Ken Travis and his wife Glenda are very grateful for your prayers and the cards he received during his hospital stay and down time.

Auxiliary news!!

Darlene MacCubbin, Cpl. Mason O. Yarrow Unit President sent word that Sue Ellyn Reitzel had surgery due to breast cancer. She is doing well. It was found early and only a small area was removed. Sue Ellyn Reitzel: 1116 Star Street, Perryville, Mo 63755. Kathy Marler had a successful knee replacement and is also doing well. Kathy: P.O. Box 2332, Advance, MO 63730.

Our Webmaster, Meg Krebs had let us know that MCLA member Nancy Dimick was in need of prayer. Eleven months ago Nancy's son passed away and the last part of November or the first days of December her daughter was killed in a car crash. Nancy Dimick: Sunscape RV Resort, 1083 Sunscape Way #428, Casa Grande, AZ 85194.

I was able to end last months' newsletter with the news about PNP Alice Blackfords' new granddaughter! WELL! I get to close this one the same way!!!

Congratulations to PNP Ruth Moyses! Her daughter Samantha gave birth to Savannah Hope Roesch November 29, 2011. The baby weighed 6# 12 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Samantha had some complications and had emergency surgery and 4 units of blood. However, the LORD answered prayer and Mom and the little one are doing fine! PNP Moyses: 401 S. New Ardmore Ave., Broomall, PA 19008-2840. AMEN!!!

Bless you all,
PDP Glenda Travis
National Chaplain



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