



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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The Monthly Newsletter for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary



Gerri Tuohy, National President

From the Desk of the National President

TO: All Members of the Auxiliary

Waiting for the most beautiful time of the year, FALL – sweatshirts, pumpkins, hayrides, fabulous colors, football games and tailgating, just to mention a few of my favorite things. What a wonderful world!! To think, we have our veterans to thank for all these freedoms. Be sure to thank them along the way.

Our Headquarters Project chair, Evelyn Joppa is preparing to send our Fall fundraiser plea. Please be generous in purchasing tickets, which in turn supports our Auxiliary. The drawing will be held at Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Life membership checks have been mailed. Please be sure to take note that all checks must be cashed within ninety days of receipt. Do not let the time lapse and allow your unit to miss out on their allowance. It was determined that each unit and department would receive \$1.24 per life member.

The format for our newsletter has changed thanks to Meg Krebs, our website editor. I would like your feedback as to your thoughts. I think it is something different and change is good. I encourage everyone and anyone to send in suggestions as to what you would like to see published. I would like to see the “Programs of Pride” articles showing what is happening across

the nation – this is a worthwhile tool in promoting our Auxiliary and enlightening to outsiders as to what we do and what we are involved with. The deadline for our monthly newsletter is the 10th of the month preceding the following month’s publication.

This being the beginning of a new year, perhaps you should attempt to increase your membership by sending out a welcoming letter to new Auxiliary prospects (wives, significant others, daughters, granddaughters) of the League members. See attached sample letter from Donna Jean Peterson. Invite them to your next meeting as a guest allowing them to see what your meeting is all about.

Please keep all your information (bond form, installation, EIN #) current and submitted to our National Headquarters office. Your updated forms will keep our database more efficient and effective.

Be sure to take notice of our Ships Store sale – there are some nice items – start your Christmas shopping early! Thanks to our chair, Joan Devlin along with her committee, for her well thought ideas in pursuing this endeavor.

Thank you notes were distributed throughout the nation to all those who supported our Operation Little Angel project in Boise, Idaho. The agency was most grateful for our unselfish deeds. Once again, giving of ourselves allows us to breathe a little easier.

My wish for you is to enjoy all the beauty around you, thank our veterans for our endless freedoms and keep our active duty military in your constant love, thoughts and prayers. Be kinder than necessary, everyone is struggling with some type of battle.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy

Gerri Tuohy, National President



Notes from the National MODDF Hide

To: All Members of the Auxiliary
 From: Karen Washabaugh,
 Past National Big Flea

My deepest gratitude to all who organized and attended the 72nd Grand Flea Scratch at the National Convention in Boise, Idaho. I cannot begin to thank you all enough for the wonderful time we had at Karen's Toy Shop initiating 12 new Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas, 90 Pedigree Devil Dogs, and raising over \$4000 for charities near and dear to all of our hearts. I can only hope each and every one of you enjoyed the day as much as I did. Most special thanks go to Barbara Nobile, Colleen English, and the rest of the Team for way above and beyond the call of duty efforts to make the day a huge success.

As Madam Big Flea, it was also my privilege to bestow the title of Flea on 53rd Chief Devil Dog Penelope (Phil) Ruhmshottel and our all-time great "Go-To Guy," Josefina (Joe) McGrail, who seemed to be everywhere doing everything and

always willing to help no matter the hour of the day or disagreeability of the task. Oh that we could all maintain his great attitude!

Hearty Congratulations to 73rd Madam Big Flea Barbara Nobile and 54th Chief Devil Dog Mike English. May you both have as fabulous a team as I did and as wonderful a term of office!

Semper Mordendi,

Karen Washabaugh

Karen Washabaugh, PNP
 72nd Big Flea



The Marine Corps League Auxiliary was chartered on September 4, 1937 as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League. On August 25, 1950, the Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as an affiliate of the Marine Corps League. The Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this Nation, young and old.



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For Submissions: The Deadline for all articles (that is in my hands, not in the mail) 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

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Greetings:

Let me introduce myself. I am _____, of the _____ Unit, of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. I am the Secretary of the Unit. I work with our treasurer and she gives me the list of important members whose dues have expired. Maybe you have been too busy to come and join us for our meetings. Or maybe you did come and visit and nobody took the time to say hello and visit with you. For this I am sorry.

But please, stop and think. Just what does the membership in our Marine Auxiliary mean to others than just yourself. Think of those young Marines whom are serving overseas. The temperatures are so hot in the summer in Iraq. Imagine your oven set at 400 degrees, now try and put your head into the oven opening and turn on a fan and blow sand in your face. This is what the summer is like in Iraq. Or think of walking the roadside to guide the trucks thru, never knowing if your next footstep will be on a mine. Yes, we sit home and do not realize what our young people are going thru. There are the homeless veterans now sleeping in their cars and this number is growing for the female veterans as there are not enough homes to help them.

Our Marine Auxiliary aides the families of our veterans serving overseas. We send boxes of love along with goodies put together after our meetings. We collect old jeans and one of our members mixes good fabric with the jeans and makes lap quilts for our Veterans Hospitals and then we tie them.

Won't you consider paying your dues now? Yearly dues are \$_____. Think of what you are doing for some veterans you do not even know. You are making their sacrifice more worthwhile. You are supporting our troops and letting them know that they are not forgotten.

Hoping to again see you at our meetings or if unable to travel we know you are still doing your part to further our cause.

Sincerely and Semper Fi,

SHIPS STORE HOLIDAY SALE

Trying to think of that special gift for perhaps: The Wife or Favorite Girl of your guest attending your Marine Corps Ball? Or, perhaps the newly Installed Unit President; your Installing Officer and/or Team; gift for Guest Speaker at one of your meetings or special occasion; Holiday gift? On Sale now, just in time to help meet those needs, see our selected Sale items. Shop early, limited quantities, will not be re-ordering!

Why leave the comfort of your home, when all you need do is Browse the MCLA Web Site, (www.nationalmcla.org), click on Merchandise to see all Jewelry, Gift Items and more. To view much of the merchandise, click on our updated "MCLA Merchandise Catalog". Fill out Order form, Email, Fax, or mail, to place your order! (If you need to correct an order, please phone).

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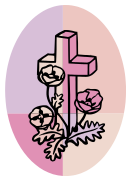
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SHIRLEY CHASTAIN * 08/18/2011

CLAUDE ROGERS RIVER VALLEY UNIT, AK.

CONDOLENCES TO HUSBAND: ALLEN CHASTAIN P.O.BOX 2524 ALMA, AR. 72921

In the September Newsletter we printed Kathy Neff's brother passed away. We send our sincere apology to Department of Florida. Carol Ann Neff, who lost her beloved brother. Carol's Address is: 6241 Maplewood Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34653

Also an Address was found for a relative of Deceased member Dorothy Diehl after the newsletter went out. Her nephews' address is: Robert E. Gayman, Jr 7591 Creek Road, Orrstown, PA 17244-9548

"THANK YOU" Emails came in from:

Lillian Harper thanks you for the prayers on behalf of her son and family who had house damage. We all know North Carolina was hit by storms in August.

From PNP Marilyn Loeven and her Hubby, PNC Lew, came Thank you's for cards and well wishes as they continue to need prayers for their health issues.

We sent out a prayer request for our members in the Northeast when Hurricane Irene was going thru and received words of gratitude from New England Assistant Division Vice, Elanine Schieffer. She had been traveling and got home to no electric by safety. Connie Sexton, New England Division Vice was told to evacuate from her home but didn't. Their electric was off for 24 hours.

Bobbie Hawkins, from the Department of Maryland had a hop Replacement and she wrote:

"Please thank all of the people who sent me get well cards. You don't realize how much cards can bolster your spirit until you really need them. They can certainly hurry the healing process along. Thank you all again, Bobbie Hawkins, Baltimore Unit"

Members in Distress:

Rita and Carl Martin were in the September news because he had foot surgery. When I went through the info to include here, I saw their name and really felt I should call them. Carl is slowly improving, Diabetics often have foot problems. Rita is caring for him as much as she can. Carl told me for the last several weeks she has been at the hospital with her mother. Her mom, also named Rita, is 90 and has had colon cancer surgery and 2 other surgeries in the last week or two. They certainly need the "Power Prayers" going their way. Cards for Rita's mom: Rita Wargel, c/o Rita Martin, 3865 Keats Drive, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134

Marine Williams is scheduled to have a surgically implanted device to alleviate debilitating pain in her back and legs. The date at this time is September 15th. I am praying good news will arrive before this newsletter does!

Did you notice how many requests are listed for Missouri??? They really need prayer!!! Here are some more members who need us:

Southwest Unit in Missouri has 2 ladies who have had surgery:

Jeanie Raney: 4541 South Meadowlark Dr, Springfield, MO 65801

Kim Flores: 2256 South Dollison Dr Springfield, MO 65807

St. Charles County Unit Member Jean Lewis was hospitalized for laser surgery to stop some blood vessels from bleeding and need to be given 2 units of blood on September 9th. Cards and prayers to her at: 16 Terrisan Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044

I would like to express my gratitude to the Past National Presidents who allowed me to be the National Assistant Chaplain and work with PNP Barbara Nobile. It has been an honor and privilege to serve and pray for you with her. I am most grateful for the help she has been to me since the loss of my sister and hospitalization of my mother. This is my first newsletter as National Chaplain. I believe we need some scripture: I Corinthians 10:13. The Lord doesn't let your plate get so full you can't handle it! That's paraphrase of course!

Bless you all,
PDP Glenda Travis
National Chaplain



I've always been proud of being a Marine. I won't hesitate to defend the Corps.
Jonathan Winters, comic and Marine



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