



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

September 2011 Newsletter

TO: All Members of the Auxiliary
FROM: Gerri Tuohy, National President

Life's journey takes you places you can never imagine and this is one! Thanks to all the encouragement of many ladies, I have attained this chapter by being elected as National President. I will strive to make this a productive, constructive and fun filled reign. Together as a team we will accomplish this endeavor. Once again, thanks to all who believed in me!

Congratulations are in order to the Treasure Valley Detachment of Boise, Idaho for making the National Convention outstanding. The hospitality of both the detachment members and hotel staff was exemplary. The state of Idaho has much to be proud of from the beautiful mountains, the wonderful climate to the great people that we had the privilege of meeting.

Much gratitude is to be extended to our Jr. Past National President Alice Blackford along with her Board of Trustees for a well done job of conducting our many meetings during the week. It is the expertise of a great team that accomplishes good things. JPNP Alice will approve the minutes of the National Convention prior to distribution. The new roster of officers will be included in this mailing.

There were many by-law changes passed at this convention. One, most importantly, was a \$3.00 dues increase. This amount will certainly help the bottom line of our approved budget. Nieces and Mothers-in-law have been added to our accepted eligibility. National Headquarters will retain \$30.00 of the Life Membership fee for administrative costs. Many wording and grammar changes to Administrative Procedures were passed. To be in compliance with all other committee appointments, Operation Little Angels committee chairperson will be selected annually by the National President.

Our Administrative Assistant, Lynn Foster is doing an outstanding job of keeping our records current, our office very squared away and our ships store orders moving. Please get your Installation of Officer forms to her so the records can be noted accordingly. Submit your transmittals, paying close attention to the dues increase, along with your yearly Bond form. Getting all the information to Headquarters allows Lynn to update the database, which in turn leads us to the path of perfection!!

As discussed, we are looking to minimize our Ships Store inventory. Our main focus will be uniform and administrative items. However, there may be an item that some people will think is a great idea. Share those thoughts with me and I will pass on to our Ships Store Chair Joan Devlin.

Congratulations to all elected officers. I look forward to visiting many units and departments across the nation. I am anxious to make new friends and see many old friends. I will always be open to any suggestion or discussion. Be kinder than necessary, everyone is struggling with some kind of battle.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy

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National President

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To: All Members of the Auxiliary
From: Jackie Hunter, National Sr. Vice President

I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me to the position of Senior Vice President. I will try to live up to the high standards of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

We all owe a great deal of praise for our Jr. Past President for the many hours that she gave to our organization over the last year. There is no words for the amount of thanks that PNP Gloria Lutz gets for serving as our comptroller. She devoted numerous hours to keep the finances straight for us.

I feel that we had a productive year with Jr. Past President Alice. We were able to work with the National Secretary to get headquarters in order. I will do all that I can to help Madam President continue with this effort.

I think that we have a great team of officers and I hope that we will make you proud. Continue to recruit and make every effort possible to retain membership.

I pledge to give Madam President the same support that I have given to all Presidents that I have had the privilege to work with since being elected to the national staff.

Don't forget to keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Jackie Hunter
National Sr. Vice President





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TO: All members of the Auxiliary
FROM: Deborah R. Evans, National Junior Vice President

I wish to thank all the members who were in attendance at the National Convention in Boise ID for their attention and prompt action on all the Bylaw and Administrative changes that were submitted. I want to remind everyone at this time that the Bylaws will not go into effect until the National Judge Advocate from the League reviews our changes and informs us that they are accepted. If we do not hear from him by January 1, 2012, they will then go into effect. I will let everyone know when they have been accepted and will publish the changes.

The increase of \$3.00 per year to our annual dues is in the Administrative Procedures and went into effect on August 5, 2011. Please send in the correct amount beginning now with each transmittal you send in for the coming year. Please remember that your bond fee of \$3.50 and bond form are due at this time and need to be sent in with your first transmittal. This bond will cover the positions of President and Treasurer.

Meanwhile the Bylaws, Administrative Procedures and Enclosures are in the process of being re-typed, indexed and put together so that we can have brand new complete copies. Per our Bylaws, each Unit and Department will receive two copies -- one for the President and one for the Judge Advocate. The new Bylaws will be available on CD, the web site and printed copies. If the Unit and Departments could let us know if they could use the CD copy, we could save some money on the printing and mailing. We need to save money wherever we can considering the way the economy is flexing at this time.

Semper Fi,

Deborah R. Evans

National Judge Advocate 2010-2011

National Junior Vice President 2011-2012

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OPERATION KNIT/CROCHET FOR OUR MARINES & CORPSMEN HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR 2011

Over the past 3 years we have sent 2400 scarves. So Ladies we are again asking **ALL THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS OUT THERE TO GET THEIR NEEDLES & HOOKS WORKING.**

For the guys to be able to wear these they must be in a digital pattern, **similar to their sand colored cammies. If not, they won't be allowed to wear them.** We know the yarn does not meet USMC standards for combat, but, we have been told not to be concerned with the acrylic yarn as these will **ONLY** be worn their Outposts.

May we suggest you purchase your Yarn from Yarn & Thread by Lisa who is a supporter of America 4R Marines. Lisa, sells at discounted prices, has the knitting and crocheting directions available, always has a good amount of the required yarns in stock, and knows exactly what to send if you mention Marine Scarves. Lisa's web site is http://www.yarn-and-threadbylisa.com/marine_scarves.htm. The pattern calls for 2 strands to be worked together. The ideal yarns are the Rococo and the Desert Sand but for anyone that has trouble knitting or crocheting with a textured yarn like the Rococo may use the Lace Caron and the Desert Sand. PLEASE DO NOT USE ALL THREE YARNS TOGETHER. The scarf needs to be 7 inches wide and about 42 inches long when finished. As quoted by the designer; "The scarf is worked with either Rococo + Desert Sand or Caron Lace + Desert Sand". PLEASE NOTE: THE BERNAT COMOUFLAGE LINE HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AND REPLACED BY BERNAT SUPER VALUE COLOR #28011 DESERT SAND WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE IN A LERGER 5 OZ SKEIN.

Knitting Instructions

Use US size 13-15 knitting needles. Cast on 18sts or however many stitches you need for 7 inches wide. Work in seed stitch: 1st row: K1, P1. 2nd Row P1, K1. Repeat these 2 rows until scarf measures 42 inches long. No fringe-of course.

OR

Crochet Pattern

Use Size J or K Crochet Hook, ch 18 (or however many your need to make 7 inches wide). Work in DC until about 42 inches long. No fringe of course.

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Scarves should be placed in a 1 gallon size Zip Lock Bag (with the air released) and sent to: Linda Chamberlain, 156 Waverly Road, Southampton, PA 18966-3351. Please be sure to include your name, address and Unit's name when sending the scarves. Questions can be addressed to SSGTNWIFE@Verizon.net

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!



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN 2011 SEPTEMEBER REPORT

DOROTHY DIEHL * 5/04/2011

Landis McCleaf Unit, PA

Condolences to nephew: Robert E Gayman Jr. Orstown, PA.

HERTHAL C. HIXSON RAIA* 5/31/2011

Landis McCleaf Unit, PA

Condolences to: Anthony Raia, Husband 5100 Chambersburg Road, Ortanna, PA

DOLORES A BERHARDT RUPERT * 7/09/2011

Landis McCleaf Unit, PA

Condolences to: Robert W Weltig, Lancaster PA.

GRACE BARLOCK *7/18/2011

Holiday Unit Florida

Condolences to: Vickie Hutto, Daughter. 3600 De Loach, Pensacola, FL. 32514

KATIE REID * 7/27/2011

Broward County Unit, Florida

Condolences to: Walter Reid, 7400 NW 15th Street, Plantation, FL.

PATRICA CAMARA *8/08/2011

Department of Florida

Condolences to: Her family, 2970 Englewood Road, Venice, Florida 34293

Just a few days prior to National Convention, Glenda Travis, your new National Chaplain lost her sister, Sandra Marie Conant Thomas. She had fought a valiant battle with cancer. She is now pain free and at home with the Lord. Cards of condolence may be sent to Glenda at: 2180 Broadranch Drive, Port Charlotte, FL. 33948- 3614.

Kathy Neff, Dept of Florida lost her devoted brother. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 655 East Monroe Street, Little Falls, NY 13365

Member Rita Martin of the Pvt. George Phillips Unit in MO could use some encouraging prayers for herself and her husband, Carl. Carl needed unexpected foot surgery that would take 4 to 6 weeks in recovery. Patience is something we need to send with our prayers for someone who enjoys being active. Cards of cheer to: Rita and Carl Martin, 3865 Keats Drive, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134.

Two members of the St Charles Unit in MO recently had surgery and would appreciate our cheery thoughts. Janet Alquist, 14 Avondale Springs Court, O'Fallon, MO 63368. And Kimberly Smith, 3025 Flamingo Drive, St Charles, MO 63301.

Bobbie Hawkins from the Dept of Maryland had hip replacement surgery and thanks everyone for the emails, cards and calls. Words of cheer may be sent to her as she recovers. 3003 ½ California Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234-4104

Lois Payne, SE Division VP looked great at National Convention for someone, who days earlier had been in the hospital getting stents implanted. Gerri Phillips also graced us with her beauty as she too had stents implanted. (We had show and tell moments showing off stents)

Marie Williams was on hand taking care of flea business. She too had just been hospitalized getting pain relieving stents inserted. These are some tough MCLA gals.

One of our members was in attendance at convention, but was often too ill to attend meetings. Please keep Carolyn Bevington in your prayers and send her a thinking of you card at: 2506 Stinson Road, Nashville, TN 37214-2129

I am submitting this monthly newsletter for your New National Chaplain, Glenda Travis, who at the time of this writing was on her way home from convention. I would ask the members to pray for our new President Gerri Tuohy and her new board as they begin a new year of MCLA work.

**GOD GAVE YOU THIS DAY TO DO JUST AS YOU WOULD, YOU THROW IT AWAY – OR DO SOME GOOD, YOU CAN MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY, OR MAKE SOMEONE SAD, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE DAY THAT YOU HAD? GOD GAVE IT TO YOU TO DO JUST AS YOU WOULD. YOU COULD DO WHAT IS WICKED, OR DO WHAT IS GOOD. YOU CAN HAND OUT A SMILE, OR JUST GIVE ‘EM A FROWN, YOU CAN LIFT SOMEONE UP OR PUSH SOMEONE DOWN. YOU CAN LIGHTEN SOME LOAD OR SOME PROGRESS IMPEDE, YOU CAN LOOK FOR AS ROSE OR JUST GATHER SOME WEED, WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL DAY?
GOD GAVE IT TO YOU, DID YOU THROW IT AWAY? (POEM SHARED BY PNP Alice Blackford)**

God Bless all our members.

PNP *Barbara Nobile*





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