



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

MCLA News

Happy 236th Birthday Marines!



Gerri Tuohy, National President

From the Desk of the National President

TO: All Members of the Auxiliary

Happy 236th Birthday Marines! Many celebrations will be planned throughout the nation to remember a great day in history. I will be representing your MCLA at Arlington National Cemetery at the wreath laying ceremony. In addition, our Banner Bearers Mary Garcia and Carrie Mac Intosh will display our flags proudly. It will be an honor to participate in this event.

Remembering all our veterans on November 11 seems like a well deserved thank you to them for our freedoms that we enjoy each day. Take the time within your busy schedules to visit a veteran, listen to their stories and show your gratitude for the immense sacrifices that were made for all of us.

I visited National Headquarters at the end of September. Our secretary Lynn Foster and I went through many basic procedures of the office within the administrative field. Certain things are better understood when you learn the basics. We are attempting to streamline the Ships Store and are offering many items for sale. Be

sure to check out the flyers within this newsletter. If anyone has any type of question or concern for Lynn, she is very capable and willing to answer.

The 990 filing information is included as a reminder that this filing needs to be done each year in order to maintain your non-profit status. Please send a copy of your "post card" verification to your department treasurer so all records can be kept accordingly.

The dates and specs for our Mid Winter Conference have been posted on the website. Dates February 16 – 18 – remember the change of hotels – we will be at the Tyson Corners Marriott - #703-734-3200. The official call will be in next month's newsletter.

Wishing you and your families a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the attached article taken from an Ann Landers article. We all have much to be thankful for. Be kinder than necessary, everyone is struggling with some type of battle.

Semper Fidelis,

Gerri Tuohy

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Notes from the National Jr Vice President

To: All Members of the Auxiliary Members, we need to concentrate on increasing our membership so we do not have to increase our annual dues again anytime soon. Recruit, recruit, recruit! Talk to everyone you know and/or meet. Ask them if they are related to a Marine and then tell them about the Auxiliary. Always carry a membership application with you and be sure to have your name on the application as the Auxiliary recruiter/sponsor. I am looking forward to verifying 100% membership Units for certificates. If you have lost members, try to replace them with two new members. In this way, we will really begin to grow.

As for the Bylaws changes that were approved at the National Convention in Boise, ID, they have been submitted to the National League Judge Advocate for his approval to verify they do not conflict with the League Bylaws. He has until January 1st to respond and if he has not responded by then, the changes will be automatic at that time. New copies of the Bylaws will not be printed until after the approval process is completed. Please be patient concerning getting new copies of the Bylaws with the changes updated. When I receive confirmation from the League National Judge Advocate, there will be a submission for the web site and possibly the newsletter with the changes that were passed at the National Convention.

The Bylaws in their entirety are in the process of being typed and will be printed when completed with all the changes incorporated in the booklet. They will also be available on CD for those who wish to have them for the computer rather than a paper copy. It would be good to know how many Units would like to have a CD copy of the Bylaws rather than a printed copy. Please notify Deborah Evans, National Jr. Vice at DeborahEvansMCLA@bellsouth.net so we will have some idea how many copies to print and how many CD's to burn. I have heard from two Units that would like the CD. Thank you for your patience in looking forward to the new copies.

For the good of the organization, we should all realize that the key to success is to be a servant and willing to work for the advancement of the organization not for our personal gain. It should not matter who gets the credit for a project but that the results of the project are what is important.

Semper Fi,

Deborah Evans

National Jr. Vice President



THE MARINES HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled to every
breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime
and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern
lands
And in the sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the
job;
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our
Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for
life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are
guarded by
UNITED STATES MARINES



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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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Ladies,

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your National Judge Advocate. I assure you that your confidence has not been misplaced. I look forward to meeting all the challenges we know this position holds.

Over the last couple of years we have had many discussions regarding the requirement for all Departments and Units to file the Form 990 with the IRS by November 15 of each year. The IRS has taken a very strong stand on this requirement and has now begun to revoke the Tax Exempt status of those organizations that have failed to file for 3 consecutive years. You can check your Department or Unit on the IRS website, www.irs.gov, in the 'header' click on Charities & Non-Profits, then click Automatic Revocation of Exemption. At the bottom of this page is a link to the list, by state. You can 'search' the list for your name.

To have your status reinstated, you are required to complete IRS Form 1024, 'Application for Recognition of Exemption.' Note that you could be subject to fines and penalties as well. And, this form must be filed every year for 5 years.

If you lose your exempt status, any donations you receive are no longer tax deductible and you are subject to filing a business tax return each year.

In an attempt to assist any Department or Unit reinstated without having to file the forms and possibly pay fines and penalties, I will draft a letter, with the assistance of an IRS Enrolled Agent, to the IRS and request reinstatement on their behalf.

If you have not filed your Form 990 for 3 years and / or you have received a notice from the IRS, I would encourage you to contact me directly, by e-mail, as soon as possible for further assistance.

On another note, there have been several inquiries regarding associate members, who are now eligible for regular membership, changing their status. If you have this situation, you will need to have them complete an application for regular membership, attach a copy of their associate membership application, and process as a new member. The rationale for attaching a copy of the associate application is to avoid 'losing track' of our associate members. This will make for a cleaner paper trail.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns that you may need assistance with.

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Aune

Karen Aune
National Judge Advocate
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Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

TO: All Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary
FROM: Ritual Committee
DATE: 19 October 2011
SUBJECT: Updates to Ritual

At the request of the National President, enclosed with this copy of the National Newsletter are the membership updates passed by the Delegates and Members at the National Convention in Boise, Idaho, August 2011 for page 16 and page 22 in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Ritual. Hopefully when each of you prints them out, they will be an exact fit for your Ritual. They should appear in Times New Roman, size 14 font.

For Unit or Department Presidents wishing to print off multiple copies for members, the updates can be printed on full sheet labels and cut apart or on #5315 Note Card Labels. The change for page 16 will need to be cut regardless of which label is used, since two will fit in the allotted space. For those not wanting the expense of purchasing labels, the updates can be printed on plain white paper, cut apart and glued or taped into the Rituals.

For individuals wishing to have just one copy, simply cut and paste one of each update into a new document and print a copy.

If anyone has problems with the formatting, please email me and I will personally send you the updates.

Semper Fidelis,

Ruth

PNP Ruth S. Moyse
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We should all be thankful

Dear Readers: Happy Thanksgiving! Many families have had a difficult year, and it might be hard to think of things to be grateful for, so we have some reminders:

"Everyday Thanksgiving"

(Author Unknown)

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family.

There are many who are lonely. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu IS at times unbalanced, thank you,

Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry. Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job. Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

"Thanksgiving Prayer"

(Author Unknown)

We come to this table today, O Lord, humble and thankful and glad. We thank Thee first for the great miracle of life, for the exaltation of being human, for the capacity to love.

We thank Thee for joys both great and simple - For wonder, dreams and hope; For the newness of each day; For laughter and song and a merry heart; For compassion waiting within to be kindled; For the forbearance of friends and the smile of a stranger; For the arching of the earth and trees and heavens and the fruit of all three;

For the wisdom of the old; For the courage of the young; For the promise of the child; For the strength that comes when needed; For this family united here today.

Of those to whom much is given, much is required. May we and our children remember this. Amen.

"Things to Be Thankful For"

(Author Unknown)

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat. Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you're employed. Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm. Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear

Be thankful for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.



V A V S R E P O R T

Our 2010-2011 fiscal year is now closed and the beginning of a new fiscal year has begun. A reminder to all VAVS Hospital Representatives you are required to contact your Voluntary Service Chief to make arrangements to complete your annual joint review which is due during the month of October. Please send a copy of this report to me. We have representation at 33 VA Medical Centers. I only received 13 of these reviews for 2010 so I am hoping more of you will fulfill this obligation this month.

Several VA Medical Centers have dropped our organization from their VAVS Committee due to the members failing to attend three consecutive meetings. At least 1 member must attend a meeting in the three month period. If any of these members would like to be reinstated, please complete the certification form and send to me and I will contact your VAMC.

I reported at the National Convention that 6 re-certification letters were sent for representatives and 5 for deputies. 4 new representatives and 6 new deputies were certified. We had 198 regularly scheduled volunteers serving 7,388 hours with occasional volunteers serving 1,060 hours for a total of 8,948 hours from September 2010 thru June 2011.

Congratulations go to Victoria Cloud who is a member of Chester County Unit in Pennsylvania who was nominated for and received the 2010 Service Award from the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. She is also a Representative at the Coatsville, PA Medical Center.

We received reports from 90 units and 17 departments showing 9,705 total hours volunteered, 56,593 miles driven, with total donations of \$70,428.80. Awards were presented to Dept. of Colo for 1st place times volunteered and 1st place volunteer hours. Dept. of Conn for 3rd place times volunteered and 3rd place volunteer hours. Dept of Fl for 2nd place donations. Dept of Ill for 3rd place donations. Dept. of Mich 2nd place times volunteered, 2nd place volunteer hours and 1st place donations. Skyline Unit, Colo., received 2nd place times volunteered, and 3rd place volunteer hours. Valley Unit, Conn. Received 3rd place times volunteered. Holiday Unit, Fla, received 2nd place donations. Sauk Valley Unit, Ill., received 3rd place donations. Flint Unit, Mich., received 1st place volunteer hours. Michigan Cochran Unit, Mich., received 1st place times volunteered, 2nd place volunteer hours and 1st place donations.

Congratulations to these Departments and Units and thank you to all the Departments and Units for your volunteer time and donations.

Rosemary Bressler

National VAVS Hospital Representative





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Programs of Pride

Frank J. Carroll Unit, MCLA
Denver, Colorado

Some of the members of the Frank J. Carroll Unit attended and supported the Women Marines Association Colorado Columbine Chapter CO-1 & Marine Corps Memorial Association 5k Run/Walk on September 24, 2011 at the Aurora Reservoir in Aurora, Colorado. Funds raised at this event went to the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden, Colorado and to the Wounded Warriors. Plans for another 5k Run/Walk is set for 2012. For more information on the Marine Corps Memorial in Golden Colorado, visit:

<http://www.mcleaguecolorado.com/mma.htm>



Adams City High School
JROTC Color Guard



Mike Dighero, Dept of
Colorado Cmdt & Paula Sarlls,
WMA CO-1 President,
Chaplain of the Frank J. Carroll
Detachment & Unit Member



Runners at the Starting line



Foothills Young Marines at the
starting line



Opening Ceremonies at the 5k
Run/Walk.

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November 2012

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(Sizes: S LG XL)



Navy Polo – LS - \$25.00 (S thru XL)
(Size 2X- \$26.00 Size 3X - \$27.00)



Red Polo – LS - \$25.00 (LG)
(Size 2X - \$26.00 Size 3X - \$27.00)

Many MCLA items for your personal use or that “little something” for Gift Giving



Letter Opener \$2.50
G30 – 288



Post-It Note Pad \$4.00
SS9 - 53



Note Cards, pks of 10
\$10.00 SS8 - 52



Snuggle under our MCLA Blanket
\$20.00 G33 -291



Coaster \$2.50
G31 - 289



Bookmark \$2.50 G30 – 288
G30 - 288



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SS24 - 255



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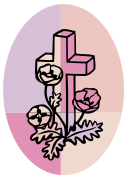
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NATIONAL CHAPLAIN 2011 NOVEMBER REPORT



*Beverly Reilly * 08/15/2011*
Macomb County Unit, Michigan
No next of kin found

*Bernice M. Kerrigan * 08/30/2011*
General Smedley D. Butler Unit, PA.
Condolences to Husband: Thomas Kerrigan, Jr. 5 Schoolhouse Lane
Broomall, Pa. 19008-1818

*Dorothy Parks * 09/07/2011*
Illinois Valley Unit, Illinois
Condolences to Husband: Gordon Parks 1213 Hennepin Street LaSalle, Illinois 61301

*Penny Lou Gothard * 09/27/2011*
Claude Rogers River Valley Unit, Arkansas
Condolences to Husband: Johnny Gothard 1222 North 33rd. Street Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72904

*Marie Schmidt * 09/30/2011*
Central Missouri Unit, Mo.
Condolences to Sons: Lawrence Schmidt 1826 Scarborough Dr. Columbia, Mo. 65201 and Chris Schmidt
410 Brookwood Ct. Jefferson City, MO. 65109

*Joyce Borman * 09/19/2011 Lancaster County Unit , PA.*
Condolences to Husband: Mike Borman Lancaster Hall, Rm313A, 2829 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA. 17601

*Clara Wilson * 10/06/2011 James Earl Kennedy Unit, N.J.*
Condolences to Son: Bill Wilson 201 Charing Way, Mount Laurel, N.J. 08054

We had many requests for the Auxiliary Prayer Power.

Marine Dale Condry and wife Natalia (Lake City, Fl. area) were in a motorcycle accident and both were bruised. We asked for Dale especially because there was uncertainty as to his spinal injury. However, word came that he would recover and although painful, his injuries weren't as bad as appeared.

Marie Williams has been in our thoughts for sometime because of her severe pain and trouble with legs and back. She had an implant put in her back that can be adjusted and seems to be doing well. Time to heal and learn the workings of the device is expected.

Jr. Vice President Barbara Bray Holiday Unit Fl. had a heart attack last month and I have received no update.

Remember that we had been praying for our members that were in the way of some nasty storms? I spoke to Sydney Minchin just a few minutes ago and she again told me they had a foot of water in their basement but that was nothing compared to others.

It was with the permission of The National Commandant of the MCL, Vic Voltaggio that members were informed of the passing of Janet's mother last month. She was in her 90's, bless her, and had a major stroke.

Frances McCann (Brass City Mem. Unit Chaplain) received cards after we learned her sister passed away. Francis is a Gold Star Mother.

Another Florida Member Marion Savaggio's husband Charlie passed away September 21st. He had served as Detachment Commandant 3 years in a row at Holiday Detachment.

Landis McCleaf Unit had 2 ladies under the weather: Sue Logsdon and Brenda Earnest

Barbara Diemler received Sympathy cards after the passing of her brother. She is the treasurer of Central Missouri Unit.

Joan Devlin let us know her Daughter, Judy Wonderly, All Divisions Unit, Pa. sent word that her mother-in-law passed away. Doris Wonderly was a feisty 91. A few days later Judy and her husband Jim sent many thanks for your prayer and cards.

Tracey Killinger requested a real show of support for Karen Barner after her brother passed away. Karen is a member of Landis-McCleaf Unit.

We were challenged by Joan Devlin to show love and support to a Marine that has ALWAYS been good about sending cards to our Marine Family. Dolores Ascensi in New Jersey had a very serious stroke and has trouble putting words together in a thought, her speech is affected.

A member of the LCpl. Justin J. Wilson Unit, Gayle Retkowski mourns the passing of her husband Ken a member of the Detachment of the same name.

On a Happy note I received word from PNP Gloria Lutz that PNP Gurvis McNulty was living with her daughter Mary and could receive e-mails. Gurvis was getting around just a little slower. Gloria also shared that she and DEAR Ernie were doing fine and she was not sure what to do with a yr. of no Auxiliary job!

Bless you all,
PDP Glenda Travis
National Chaplain



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