

MCLA Programs

Successful Programs of Service

From MCLA Units And Departments Across The Nation

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
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#	Program Title	Description	Contact Information
1	Veterans' support in our local nursing home.	We provide them with an American flag and a flag of their branch of service for their rooms and we send them greeting cards on birthdays, Veterans Day and Valentines Day	Contact: Marie McCutchin, Skagit Valley Unit, Mount Vernon, WA. E-mail: marie_mccutchin@Verizon.net
2	Veterans' Baskets This program gives the Veteran's a small basket of toiletries to use.	The Auxiliary members bring to a meeting, small items such as, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, shampoo, conditioner, pens, notepads and etc. After our meeting we gather around a table to sort the items out and put them into a basket or a zip lock bag which then our placed into a box ready for delivery to the Veteran's in the Veterans' Hospital	Contact: Ruth Moyse E-mail: rsmoyse@comcast.net
3	Veterans' Fund	We hold a 50-50 raffle at each monthly meeting. Many members bring an item to be raffled, Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each as members enter. After the meeting is closed we draw for the items and half of the cash. Often the winner donates to the Veterans' fund. We contact the VA hospital to find out needs. Once or twice a year we provide needed items and at Christmas we buy gifts for the veterans.	Contact: Paulie Stofiel, Columbia River Unit MCLA E-mail: Stofipa@aol.com
4	Scarves for Deployed Troops	Camouflage scarves are crocheted or knitted to specifications. Instructions are given along with the exact yarn colors and numbers to meet uniform requirements. Over 2100 scarves were created and sent to Patty Lewis from MCLA Units across the nation in UT, LA, PA, NY, CT, WA and more. Scarves have been sent to 3 battalions this winter. This will be an ongoing project. http://www.yarn-and-threadbylisa.com/	Contact: Patty Lewis, 30 Hideaway Drive, Willow Grove, PA 19090 Picture available E-mail: plewis54@hotmail.com Patty is a member of All Divisions Unit MCLA, South Hampton, PA. Patty has created a non-profit and a Web site to support Marines. Take a look at http://www.mom4rmarines.org/ There are more ways to help our Marines
5	Bookmarks	Bookmarks to go in donated books sent with Camp Fire Girl candy to Iraq & Afghanistan troops. Bookmarks to go in donated books given to vets in Veteran's Hospital	Contact: Debbie Bruns, Columbia River Unit MCLA, Vancouver, WA E-mail: deb5085964@comcast.net Phone: 360-573-6225 Picture available

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6	Care Packages to Iraq & Afghanistan	<p>Packages are shipped all year all over Iraq. We bake cookies and members of the auxiliary all donate items to be shipped. A massive shipment is done @ Christmas time to Marines in Ramadi. Aux members & ladies from my church all bake cookies We bake for days. At every fundraiser, we ask for help with shipping because it is our greatest expense.</p> <p>Christmas cards to cover 2-3 companies, start in Oct.</p>	<p>Contact: Laura Schilling E-mail: jopanda@peoplepc.com</p>
7	Marines Helping Marines	<p>The wounded Marine Program of the Marine Corps League. Marines Helping Marines is a non-profit organization providing support for injured Marine Corps personnel. Founded in 2005, our organization has grown to now include 4 participating hospitals.</p>	<p>Contact: http://www.marineshelpingmarines.org/</p> <p>Send donations to: M H M Hospital Program P.O. Box 141 Westminster, MD 21158</p>
8	Wounded Warrior Project	<p>The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to honor and empower wounded warriors.</p> <p>Wounded warrior Backpacks contain essential care and comfort items including clothing, toiletries, calling card, CD player, and playing cards, all designed to make their hospital stay more comfortable. They are provided to severely wounded service members arriving at military trauma centers. A smaller version of the WWP Backpack, Transitional Care Packs is sent directly to Iraq and Afghanistan to provide immediate comfort during a warrior's relocation to the U.S. military trauma center.</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/</p> <p>E-mail: info@woundedwarriorproject.org</p> <p>Mailing Address: 7020 A.C. Skinner Pkwy Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256</p> <p>Phone: 877-832-6997, 877-TEAMWWP</p>
9	Injured Marine Semper Fi fund	<p>Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom, The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund provides funds for loved ones to travel at a moment's notice to be at the bedside of their injured service member. Few families are prepared for the expenses they face. They need help, and they need it quickly. The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund was created to meet this need.</p>	<p>Web site: www.semperfund.org/ and http://www.semperfund.org/donate.html</p> <p>Donations Address: Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund 825 College Blvd, Suite 102 PMB 609 Oceanview, CA 92057</p> <p>Correspondence: PO Box 555193 • Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5193 Phone: 760-725-5421 Fax: 760-725-0085</p>
10	Sew Much Comfort	<p>Mission is To provide custom-made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to our injured service members and gives them an added measure of comfort and freedom as they recover from their injuries and return to everyday life. Adaptive clothing accommodates their medical devices and</p>	<p>Website: http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org/ E-mail: Ginger Dosedel ginger@sewmuchcomfort.org</p>

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		situations, provides ease of use, increases personal independence and minimizes the visual impact of their medical condition.	
11	Cell Phones for Soldiers	We made small boxes covered with patriotic material & attached sign. Will forward that}. This can be found online. Postage is prepaid. I set up boxes @ local VFWs & American Legions. The cell phones are turned in for credit- then phones cards are shipped overseas.	Contact: Laura Schilling E-mail: jopanda@peoplepc.com Flyer available
12	Operation Little Angels- Department A program to help at-risk children.	Our Sr. Vice contacts a reputable organization that helps at-risk children and is close to where our State Convention is held that would like to receive help from our Auxiliary. She then sends out invitations to the dept. membership with a list of items needed most by the organization to help the children. Representatives from the organization are requested to attend a tea to receive the gifts and gift cards. We do this to help the children and honor our Department President at the same time.	Contact: Pat DeGregorio E-mail or phone: HoneyHoney007@comcast.net The annual President's Tea is the fund raiser that supports this event
13	Operation Little Angels - Unit	Grants are requested from the local WalMart store and the local credit union to fund the local Operation Little Angel Program. The Child Protective Services calls with needs for at risk children and the Unit provides them	Contact: Rosemary Foster E-mail: refostermcla@hotmail.com Mt. St. Helen's Unit, Silverlake, WA
14	Christmas for Veterans This program is to give a little Christmas to our Veterans who gave to us.	We get a list of Marine Veterans in a State Home. Listed are their name, birthday, and their wish list for Christmas. At our October Staff meeting, those Units interested pick a name and purchase the items on the list along with a few extra items to send to the home for Christmas. We give the presents to member and she and her husband visit each Veteran personally and give them their gift. Having their Birthday allows us to send a card on their special day also.	Contact: Pat DeGregorio E-mail/ phone: HoneyHoney007@comcast.net
15	Care Packages mailed to Iraq & Afghanistan.	At Department meetings, all bring supplies from list published in newsletter. Committee for care packages bring flat rate boxes, oversees mailing labels from post office, addresses of active duty servicemen and women, mailing tape. During meeting break, after meeting, or during Flea Scratch fill, tape, and label boxes. Allow about 1 hour. Committee chair mails boxes the following Monday. Number of boxes	Contact: Caroline Ruhmshottel E-mail: cruhmshottel@comcast.net

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		mailed is tallied, recorded, and announced by Dept.	
16	Voices for Veterans - Supporting Homeless Veterans	Monetary donations in any amount are needed. \$5.00 will provide a homeless veteran with a First Aid Kit, a toothbrush and a can of beef stew or a pair of warm socks. \$10 will buy a collapsible water jug and four nutrient dense cereal bars. Clothing is needed.	Web site: www.voicesforveterans.org E-mail: voicesfor veterans@yahoo.com
17	Toys for Tots	We have an active program for Toys for Tots. We are trusted in the community. Companies call us with extras. We sent 50 pair of shoes to an Indian reservation in AZ	Contact: Yvonne Haynes E-mail: nhayvon@aol.com
18	Quilts of Valor Foundation	The mission of the QOV Foundation is to cover ALL war wounded and injured service members and veterans from the War on Terror whether physical or psychological wounds with Wartime quilts called Quilts of Valor (QOVS).	Web site: http://www.qovf.org/ The web site shows how to get involved. You can contact people through the web site. Local quilts of valor groups exist across the country. Gifts of fabric and money are accepted.
19	Warriors & Quiet Waters Foundation	To employ the therapeutic and rehabilitative qualities of fly-fishing for trout on Montana's rivers and streams to help heal traumatically wounded servicemen and women	Web site: warriorsandquietwaters.org Contact: Robert Frey @ 406-587-1604 E-mail: bob.pfm@bridgeband.com Address: PO Box 1165, Bozeman, MT 59771-1165
20	Historical education	Portray a person who played an important positive role in our county's foundation. Elaine Schieffer portrays Betsy Ross at her local museum and educates the children about her contribution to our country.	Contact: Elaine Schieffer E-mail: elaineschieffer@sbcglobal.net Address: 133 Cook Rd, Prospect, CT 06712-1816 Phone: 203-758-3865 Brass City Memorial Unit MCLA
21	Phone cards to Iraq	Held a raffle to earn money to send phone cards to Iraq	Contact: Ella Bellanger E-mail: EBBelanger@aol.com
22	Christmas Party for terminally ill children	We hold a Christmas party for the children at Robins Nest for terminally ill children	Contact: Margie Muckle E-mail:
23	School Supplies for children	In June, July, & Aug both the League and Auxiliary bring school supplies to the meetings. In Sept. We put together packets and distribute them to two very needy grade schools and one high school	Contact: ? We distributed about \$200 worth of school supplies. This is part of our Child Welfare program
24	Big Brothers & Sisters	For families in need, we donate clothing, blankets, bedding, dishes, and furniture. Especially women and children on their own	Contact: Marilyn Loeven E-mail: mjl3556@aol.com

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