



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

To: All Members of the Auxiliary
From: Caroline Ruhmshottel, National President

Thank YOU! For your tremendous support and selfless service during the past year. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your National President. Your kindness and hospitality warms my heart. I enjoyed meeting many of you at Division conferences and Department conventions. It is exciting to watch your enthusiasm as you host events with precise organization.

With your hard work we have added three new units this year: Oldest City Unit in St. Augustine, FL, and the charters for Louis Wayne Qualls Unit in Temple, TX, and the Sgt. Maj. Michael Curtin Unit in Zephyrhills, FL, are in process. Congratulations and welcome to a group of outstanding women who have a passion to serve veterans and their community.

Thank you to so many of you who have contributed to the League's Card and Label Program of which we receive a nice percentage and to the Headquarters Project fundraiser in the fall and spring. Because of your generous donations we have been able to meet our financial obligations for the past year. It is your contributions to fundraising and your purchases from our Ship's Store that will allow us to continue to meet our national operating expenses and continue to serve you well.

Our national newsletter and Web site are an efficient way for us to keep you informed on national news. Your cooperation in receiving newsletters through email and the Web site has saved several thousand dollars in printing costs. Please email the newsletter to as many members as you can, and print it to pass around to those who do not use email. Our newly reorganized National Web site is a resource for more information and many of your local MCLA Web sites are linked.

Acknowledge and celebrate success when all membership dues are paid by August 31 and when all transmittals are mailed to headquarters by September 31. Sending in your transmittals quickly is of immense importance for budgeting our yearly operating expenses. It is important also for you to keep in touch with and report our life members. Remember to report the life members on your first transmittal for the new year.

Thank you for ALL that you do. May your continued selfless service reach further and touch more.

Semper Fidelis,

Caroline S. Ruhmshottel

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CALLING ALL WHO EITHER KNIT CROCHET

Subject: SCARVES

TO: ALL THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS OUT THERE. GET YOUR NEEDLES IN ACTION!!! WE NEED 3000

Needles are already clicking... The Marines and Corpsmen who received the scarves over the last two years loved them and all of the TLC that was put into making them.

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 when they are on base.

Yarn can be purchased from Yarn & Thread by Lisa who is a supporter of Mom 4R Marines. Lisa's web site is www.yarn-and-threadbylisa.com/marine_scarves.htm. She also has the knitting and crocheting directions.

Crochet Pattern:

Bernat Camouflage Desert Sand #1048 yarn + Rococo Lion Brand Homespun Beige. The scarf is worked by combining a strand of each yarn. Use a hook J or K Crochet Hook Cast on 18 (it's a lucky number signifying "life"). Work in double crochet to approximately 42 inches long. **(No fringe of course).**

Knitting Instructions:

Bernat Camouflage Desert Sand #1048 yarn + Rococo Lion Brand Homespun Beige. 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 two rows until scarf measures 42 inches long. **No fringe-of course.**

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

NOTE: A picture of the Marines wearing the scarves can be found in the Jan/Feb 09 issue of the Semper Fi Magazine.

Submitted by Linda Chamberlain and Patty Lewis All Divisions Unit MCLA

August 2009 Final Roll Call

If tears could build a stairwell and memories were a lane,
I would walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.

Grace Fuller * 7/04/09

Landis McCleaf Unit, Chambersburg, PA

Condolences to:
Douglas Otenbereger, 3299 Grand Point Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17202-8186

PDP Marion Hanson * 7/08/09

North Shore Queens Unit, Dept of New York

Condolences to:
Family of Marion Hanson, 216 Afton Road, Afton, NY 13730

I love the Lord because He hears my prayers and answers them. Psalm 116:1

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We have received many thank you cards. Those sending greetings to the membership are: Barbara Bergeron in the passing of Ned. David Pavey thanks us for the cards after his knee replacement. Past Big Flea Merveena Wing thanks us for her birthday cards and get well cards. She will not be with us for National convention due to her health. Mary Lloyd Bailey thanks us for our get well cards. Carol Snider, Southwest Mo. Unit thanks us for our cards for her hubby Billy. At the time of this writing he is doing better. Karen Nonnemacher thanks us for our continued cards and prayers. She is still on chemo and dealing with the pain. Meds do not seem to contain the pain at this time.

Karen Bressler is doing well after her surgery to repair her shoulder after her fall. She will not be able to greet us in the ships store at convention this year due to her recovery.

Baltimore Unit members who needed our prayers were: Elaine Donnelly, Past Unit President, is recovering from a stroke. Her address: 7921 Highpoint Road, Parkville, MD 21234-5431.

Bobbie Hawkins is recovering from a hip replacement. Her address is: 3003 ½ California Ave. Parkville, MD 21234-4104

Judge Advocate, Columbia River Detachment in WA is in need of our prayers for what appears to be a viral infection. She in is need of rest as it appears to be MONO. Cards may be sent to her: Marine Wendy Graves, PO Box 1242, Turner, OR 97392-1242.

Dept of Florida, Commandant Spring Hill Detachment, Sal Barone and his wife Jesse, an MCLA member, lost their niece from cancer. Their address: PO Box 3254, Spring Hill, FL. 34611-3254.

Savanna Jefferson experienced blood pressure problems and is dealing with them. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: RT 4 Box 2025, Marble Hill, MO 63764.

Darlene MacCubbin is recuperating from a ripped MCL. She fractured the back cup of the left knee.

Eryn Creedon is dealing with some terrifying cancer. She has breast cancer and it has advanced to the lymph nodes. We will keep you updated on her progress as she faces surgeries. She has moved into her brother's home area coming there from her home in Oregon.

Shirley Otto is having problems with her chemo. It has caused her to be entered into the hospital at the time of this writing.

There are those who will not be with us at our National convention due to health and financial issues. We ask that all think of them and send them greetings to let them know they are missed.

We ask for God's guidance for all National officers as they head off to the National convention in Rochester, MN.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1.

Respectfully Submitted, National Chaplain

PNP Barbara J. Nobile