



# Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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## NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Happy 234<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Marines! Birthday Balls and celebrations are planned in communities around the world in honor of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. I hope you attend a local celebration. I have the honor of representing you at the national wreath laying ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, on November 10. The precision formations to Sousa marches are exhilarating and touch the soul. The fifty-sixth annual Veterans Day National Ceremony will be held on November 11 at Arlington National Cemetery. I will be there to represent you as will our banner and color bearers, Chris Fay, Desi Parker Curtin and Patty Robidoux.

Many of you are attending celebrations and fundraisers. Wearing matching shirts with an MCLA logo will look sharp. We have plenty of the navy polo shirts in both short and long sleeves. We also have them in red. We still have MCLA challenge coins, navy windbreakers, zipper pouches for covers, and uniform pins. When you order for yourself, your unit, or for Christmas gifts simply fill out the merchandise order form from our national Web site

[http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/Order%20Form%2020.06%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/Order%20Form%2020.06%20(1).pdf) fax it to this number 1-703-207-0264. You can also scan and email your order to [mclahq@aol.com](mailto:mclahq@aol.com) or send it by mail to National MCLA Headquarters at 8626 Lee Highway, Suite 207, Fairfax, VA. 22031-2135

Many of you have requested Past President Pins. We now have ten of them. The price of gold has risen again! They now cost us \$65.50 each! We will sell them to you at our cost. Order them right away. At this price we cannot keep many in stock. Also, we now have the ribbon badges and starburst emblems.

A special thank you to Past National President Shirley Keyes for volunteering at national headquarters to help G with the many transmittals and general needs. Her help is genuinely appreciated by all.

The 990N filing information is included in this newsletter as a reminder that this filing needs to be done every year in order to maintain your non-profit status and maintain the ability to have fundraisers. Keep a copy of your "Post Card" verification return email from the IRS and send a copy to your department treasurer.

May your service reach further and touch more. May your Thanksgiving be truly blessed as we reap the benefits of every veteran's service.

Semper Fidelis,

*Caroline S. Ruhmshottel*

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National Web site: <http://www.nationalmcla.org/>

National Marine Corps League Auxiliary can earn a donation every time you search the Internet and shop online!!!

Go to: [www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx](http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx)

Type: Marine Corps League – Auxiliary (Fairfax, VA) in the space asking "Who do you want to support?"



# A RED WHITE AND BLUE SALUTE.

GET OUT YOUR FAVORITE PATRIOTIC SWEATER. GET THAT DARLING SPARKLY RED HAT YOU LOVE TO WEAR. FIND SOMETHING YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO WEAR TO SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM AND PUT IT AWAY FOR THE ANNUAL MIDWINTER OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL NIGHT OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP.

## **OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL MIDWINTER EVENT HONORS**

### **Women of the chapel Marine Base QUANTICO**

#### **MARINE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

**R-** Rare opportunity to help our Marine family - FIND SOMETHING FUN TO WEAR OR JUST DRESS IN RED/WHITE AND BLUE

**W-** willing to share in another one of our exciting events with friends, enjoy treats. WHEN: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>. 2010 AND THE WHERE IS FALLS CHURCH MARRIOT DURING MIDWINTER STAFF MEETING

**B-** BLESSING THIS MIDWINTER WILL BE BESTOWED UPON THE FAMILIES OF QUANTICO THROUGH THE WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL MINISTRIES. Be prepared to have fun with entertainment and games.

WOC MEET ON THURSDAY MORNINGS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AT THE NEW CHAPEL ANNEX ON BASE. THE LADIES START THEIR MORNING WITH FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, PRAISE AND WORSHIP. The services are as varied as the families they serve. If a mom needs help during a surgery or child birth, it is there. They are there to help the families cope with military life. They also have a child care ministry.

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6.

Their wish list is to target families with newborns and those with exceptional family members. They do have a yard sale where they can get items free, but once again, let's show them how we treat our MARINE FAMILY MEMBERS.

**WISH LIST-** Adult and children blankets, adult and children socks, beds in a bag, diapers, diaper bags with all baby supplies, manual breast pumps, children's toys, baby wipes, hand sanitizers, gift cards for, Wal-Mart, oil changes, tune ups for car, groceries ( food lion and commissary) Wendy's and McDonalds, KFC, Burger King,

I will check with local units in the VA area to see if they could get us the local grocery store certificates or even the commissary GC.

You can go on line to [www.quanticowoc](http://www.quanticowoc) to learn more about our chosen guests.

As always the committee will accept checks made out to MCLA HQ with OLA in the memo section of the check. We all thank you in advance for your continued support of this project.

PNP Barbara Nobile Chair, PNC Helen Hicks, Tracey Killinger, Pat Engel, Lora Woods, Geri Tuohy, Janet Voltaggio, Carol Smith.

## **SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program is one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal Government. Our mission is to enhance the Veterans' health care experience through utilization of volunteers and donations.

The generosity of the volunteer's time allows us to provide many of the additional niceties that otherwise could not be accomplished by the paid staff on a day-to-day basis.

VAVS offers volunteer assignments that fulfill the volunteer's desire to make a difference in a Veteran's life. The VAVS program can be tailored to meet the volunteer needs of an individual, student, family, large group, or corporation.

### **BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING**

#### Health Benefits:

- Increase your physical and mental activity
- Improve your physical and mental health
- Extend your life

#### Social Benefits:

- Make new friends
- Be part of a team
- Feel needed – make a positive impact
- Gain a sense of pride, satisfaction, and achievement

#### Civic Benefits:

- Share your skills
- Give back – contribute to society
- Fulfill your civic duty
- Serve those who have served our country
- Set the example for family, friends, and co-workers

#### Career/Education Benefits:

- Explore career paths
- Learn new skills
- Build your resume
- Earn volunteer hours

Requirements for becoming a volunteer and volunteer assignments will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

Information in this bulletin is provided by Voluntary Services, Department of Veterans Affairs

Rosemary Bressler  
VAVS Representative

# 990 and 990N Tax Reporting

Go to this Web address for the IRS information on 990 filing:  
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

All tax-exempt organizations **MUST** file a report **every year**.

Beginning in 2008, on or before November 15 and each year thereafter, small tax exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns risk losing their tax-exempt status if they do not file an annual electronic notice 990N E-postcard.

Where? Here is the Web site address: <http://epostcard.form990.org>.

When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the E-Postcard with the IRS through their trusted partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form. Copy the reply, keep a copy for your unit, and send a copy to your department treasurer.

Report using one of these forms:

- 990N (E-Postcard) – if your Unit or Department’s yearly gross receipts total less than \$25,000.00, file this form. Dues that are forwarded to National are not counted
- 990EZ – if your Unit or Department’s yearly gross receipts total less than \$100,000.00, file this form
- 990 – if your Unit or Department’s yearly gross receipts are greater than \$250,000.00 file this form.

Preparation:

- Make sure your EIN# is active – contact the IRS
- The IRS may ask you to contact the Marine Corps League, our parent organization. If you do so, include **this information**:

Unit name	Unit number	Unit Treasurer	Unit Treasurer’s address	EIN number
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- If you have concerns, contact Meg Thoburn, the Marine Corps League National Adjutant Paymaster, through her E-mail address: [mthoburn@mcleague.org](mailto:mthoburn@mcleague.org)
- If your Unit or Department has an EIN# but the IRS says it is inactive, it will be best to contact Meg instead of the IRS. Then Meg can send the number in.
- If you change (not suggested) your EIN# contact Meg at the location above
- **Meg wanted to let you know that even though the IRS has a deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> there is no penalty for filing late**
- **Reminder** – The League and Auxiliary operate on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, **not** a calendar year of January 1 to December 31.

## Poll of the Board of Trustees August 29, 2009

The poll of the Board results are posted in this newsletter showing that we agreed to reimburse Gerri Tuohy and Jackie Hunter for their travel and lodging to national headquarters to interview the candidates for the Administrative Assistant. We are all grateful for their expertise and excellence in handling the hiring process. This posting was intended for the October newsletter. Since it did not appear in that newsletter it is now posted. Thank you Alice for conducting the poll.

The question:

Do you agree for the Auxiliary to pay for travel for Jackie Hunter and Geri Tuohy to go to National Headquarters to interview the applicant's for the Administrative Assistant position?

National President - Caroline Ruhmshottel	Yes
Alice Blackford - National Sr. Vice President	Yes
Gerri Tuohy - National Jr. Vice President	Abstain
Jackie Hunter - National Judge Advocate	Abstain
Jr. PNP Karen Washabaugh	Yes
Central Div Vice Pres. Rogene Hackbarth	No Answer
Midwest Div. Vice President -	Position vacant
New England Div. Vice President -Connie Sexton	Yes
Rocky Mountain Div. Vice President - Debbie Pierson	No answer
Northeast Div. Vice President - Sydney Minchin	Yes
Northwest Div. Vice President- Sam Dressler	Yes
Southeast Div. Vice President - Inda Adams	Yes
Southwest Div. Vice President - Geri Phillips	Yes
Southern Div. Vice President - Belinda Rischner	Yes

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE DIVISION & NATIONAL EVENTS

<p>FEBRUARY 2009</p> <p>Mid-winter national staff conference                  February 11, 12, and 13, 2010                  Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA                  Room rate \$95 per night, single or double                  Reserve room at 703-849-9400 by 1/15/10                  telling them you are with the MC League                  Register for conference at  <a href="http://www.mcleague.com">www.mcleague.com</a></p>	<p>LET US KNOW OF OTHER                  DIVISION EVENTS TO PLACE                  HERE.</p>
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FINAL ROLL CALL            NOVEMBER 2009

Christina Affleck \* 7/31/09   Mickey Finn Unit, Triangle, VA   No Condolences

Francis H. Hambay \* 9/17/09  
Whitewater Valley Unit, Richmond, Indiana  
Condolences to: son James Hambay, Texas

Mary Ann Wachsmuth\*9/18/09  
Skagit Valley Unit, WA  
Condolences to husband: Jerry Wachsmuth  
3921 Montgomery Court, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

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MARINE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO NEED OUR CONDOLENCES AND HEALING PRAYERS.

Dept. of Illinois president, Judy Blackmer lost her nephew. Trudy has endured many deaths in her family in the past year. Cards may be sent to her at: 4530 W. Marquette RD. CHICAGO, ILL. 61641-3045.

Silver City Mamas member, Nancy Stevens lost her father, who was a Marine. Cards to her at: 421 LINCOLN DRIVE, CHESHIRE, CT. 06410.

Evelyn Greer mourns the passing of her sister in law, Karen Ogg, who was a member of the Pecan Valley Unit. Cards sent to: PO BOX 178 LORENZO, TX. 79343.

Nancy Lobao lost her great grandson. Cards of condolence may be sent to: 211 COURT DRIVE, NEW COLUMBIA, PA 17865.

Connie Chambers of the Big D unit in Texas lost her Marine, Charles Chambers. Cards to: 1136 OMAR STREET, DALLAS, TX. 75232.

Kampkeska Unit member, Trudy Schamens, mourns the passing of her mother in law, Trudy Schamens. Cards of condolence may be sent to: 126 TH STREET SW, WATERTOWN, SD. 57201-3717.

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MARINE FAMILY AND MEMBERS IN NEED OF OUR HEALING PRAYERS AND CARDS.

Spring Hill Florida unit member, Claire Hoover had a knee replacement. She is a golfer who needs to get back on the course. Send her healing cards to: 8379 Central Ave. Brooksville, Florida, 34613-5017.

Past Big Flea, Merveena Wing suffered a stroke and is doing well at home. She wants to do more than she should or can as you can imagine. Send those greetings to: 790 Washington ST. #1202, Denver, CO. 80203-3752.

PDP Joan Hastings is doing very well after her hip replacement and wants to express her thanks for all the cards and prayers. She wanted us to know how much they meant to her knowing the Marine family was thinking of her. 1631 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070-1174.

Holiday Unit Florida Member, Ellie Whitney had surgery. Her address is 5351 JAMES St. New Port Richey, FL. 34652.

Jo Ann Thornton, Williamson County Cen Tex Unit in TX. Had a knee replacement. Cards of cheer may be sent to: 251 CR 145, Georgetown, TX. 78626-2026.

Eileen Canright, had surgery for her tumor, and at this time will not need chemo or radiation. She does however, require constant O2. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers as her ordeals are ongoing.

Flo Mansfield from the Mason O Yaroubrough unit in MO has ovarian cancer. She needs our prayers as she deals with this and other personal problems. Cards to: Box 72, Delta, MO 63744.

PNP Gloria Lutz had reparative surgery. She has sure had a rough time and we hope she is doing well. Encouragement cards for Gloria go to: 417 Bartell Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322-5770.

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Prayer Requests: Lord, I look to you for prayer requests, for I know you always know what is best, the plans I make I leave with you, that you may change them if you choose. And loved ones, who have lost their way, will come back to you, dear lord I pray. An answer from you means so much, for those who need your healing touch. Now use me, Lord that I might do whatever it is you want me to. And whatever I do, wherever I go, your love to others, help me show.

BLESSINGS THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON TO ALL, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN PNP BARBARA NOBILE

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