



# MCLA NEWS

The Monthly National Newsletter for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc

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## From the Desk of the National President

Once again, I have found it necessary to count on National Senior Vice President Evelyn Joppa. She graciously agreed to represent me at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day. As disappointed as I was in not being able to attend, it is reassuring and heartening to know that I can count on my staff to fill in when necessary. Thank you again, Evelyn. Also, I wish to thank Alima Zimmer and Nila Caulder who served as Flag and Banner Bearers during the National Veterans Day Ceremony.



I was able to join our local members of the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary in celebrating the 243rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps and the local Veterans Day program the following morning.

If you have not yet done so, please make your plans for attending the National Mid-Winter Conference and your Division Conferences. They will be here soon!

While we need to continue to pray for and assist those who have been affected by the hurricanes on the east coast and along the Florida panhandle, we now need your urgent prayers and help for those who have lost family members, homes, and entire communities in California. Please remember our Marines and their families and provide whatever assistance you can.

*"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." -- Gen. James H. Doolittle*

Semper Fidelis,

*Carol Smith*

Carol Smith  
National President

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### Pictured at the National Veterans' Day Ceremony:

L to R: Military Order of the Devil Dogs 58th Chief Devil Dog Leonard Spicer, Marine Corps League National Commandant Wendell Webb, Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Senior Vice President Evelyn Joppa





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### 3 Things.....

Without you, the member, there is no Units of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. There are 3 things each one of you are encouraged to do:

1. Attend monthly meetings;
2. Recruit New Members & renew current Members;
3. Volunteer

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### Division Conferences:

Calling all Division Vice President's: Send in the Dates of when you're Division Conference to be listed here.

### **Central Division 2019 Convention**

Dates: March 21st ~  
March 24th Central  
Division Conference

Place: Holiday Inn,  
Rock Island Hotel &  
Conference Center  
226-17th Street, Rock  
Island, IL

## From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

May the joy of the Holiday Season flood your home and bring blessings to all. During this wonderful family time may we be reminded of how special it is to live in the USA and the great sacrifice of all those who have provided us with this freedom.

It was my honor to represent our National President Carol Smith at the Veterans Day Ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery on November 11. To view the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the changing of the guard, the thousands of graves and the beautiful ceremony is truly a humbling and reverent experience. Alima Zimmer and Nila Caulder carried the Colors for our Auxiliary in the Parade of Flags during the ceremony. Nice job ladies. After the ceremony, I had the opportunity to participate with National Commandant Wendell Webb and 58<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog Leonard Spicer in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Many of our members are gearing up for the Toys for Tots Program and other special programs for our veterans, in hospitals & assisted living centers.

I thank each of you for all the things you have been doing through out the year and the special things during the Holiday Season. Working together to meet our objectives is what keeps this organization strong.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much” Helen Keller

Merry Christmas

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B Joppa

National Sr Vice President

## From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Greetings Marine Corps League Auxiliary Sisters:

I can't believe this is my last article for 2018 – where has the year gone?

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving spent with loving family and great friends. This month's article will be two parts.

### **Part I:**

We are now at that point in time where every unit should have submitted at least one, if not all, of their current membership transmittals. Our numbers from Headquarters as of the close of business on Monday, November 5, 2018 were as follows:

### 2030 current memberships

- 1033 LM, ALM, or new LM or ALM
- 921 R, RAM, or MAL
- 76 new members R, RAM or MAL

**2019 Rocky Mountain Division Conference**

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park  
**City:** Greeley, CO  
**Date:** 03-May to 05-May-2019

**Booking Link:**  
<http://group.doubletree.com/US-MarineCorpsLeague>

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

National MCLA Website:  
[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org)

National MODD Fleas Website:  
[www.nationalmoddfleas.org](http://www.nationalmoddfleas.org)

National Marine Corps League:  
[www.mclnational.org/](http://www.mclnational.org/)



We are still missing 701 members (more if I subtract the 76 new members).

If you have members in your unit who have not renewed their membership, please reach out to them with a gentle reminder that their MCLA membership dues are delinquent. In today's busy world it would be very easy to misplace the renewal notice.

I really don't want to sound like a nag or a broken record but it is very important that we continue to practice the 3 "R's RETAIN, REVITALIZE, RECRUIT.

**Part II:**

Now I am going to put on my 990 hat and remind all unit and department treasurers if they have not filed their 2017 990 now is the time to do so. Please be sure to print off a copy of the acceptance notice for your files and also send a copy to National Headquarters.



Happy Holidays

Semper Fidelis

*Linda S. Chamberlain*  
**National Junior Vice President**

**From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate**

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

By the time you read this we will be halfway through the holiday season. Such a busy couple of months! For me the beginning of the season starts with the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. I thoroughly enjoyed attending my local Marine Corps Birthday Ball where we had an amazing speaker. Major Laurel Hull (Retired) accepted our invitation to speak to us about her career in the Marine Corps and the anniversary of the Women Marines. As the mother of a woman Marine I was particularly touched and appreciated even more the sacrifice and strength shown by women in the Corps throughout history.

The next part of the holiday season is Veteran's Day – a day where we thank all Veterans for their dedication to God and country. What a blessing it is when we can reach out to them and share a meal and perhaps listen to their stories. This is followed closely by the ever sumptuous Thanksgiving with family, friends, food and football. I enjoy participating in the watching of college and professional football as bonding time with my family.

There is not much time until we are fully engrossed in Christmas and what it means to each one of us. From creating and sending care packages to our deployed military, to visit and spend time with our veterans at nursing homes

or hospitals; church services with children's voices and smiling faces that we meet in our communities. This season, I pray we all have the opportunity to spend time with others who are not able to be home or with their families.

The holiday season usually culminates with – you guessed it – Bylaws and Administrative Procedures! At the National Convention our Delegates voted to make some changes. Each change which was approved shall become effective after the approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League, but no later than 1 January of the following year. Be sure to go online soon and see the exciting changes made to our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Stay safe and warm.

*Dotty Sanning*

***National Judge Advocate***

## December 2018 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NEWS



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VICKIE STARLIPER \* 8/21/2018 LANDIS MCCLEAF UNIT, PA.  
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BURNS, PO BOX 151, ELMHURST, PA.

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MILLIE HERRINGTON, FROM THE DEPT OF CT. WISHES TO THANK ALL OF FOR YOUR MANY CARDS THAT SHE RECEIVED FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SHE SAID IT WAS HEARTWARMING TO KNOW THAT SHE HAS SO MANY MCLA FRIENDS. ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE SHE COULD MAKE A NATIONAL CONVENTION, SHE HAS MANY FOND MEMORIES.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, TRACEY KILLINGER WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH BLOOD CLOTS. SHE WAS TO HAVE SURGERY BUT THAT IS NO HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE KEEP TRACEY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AND DROP HER A CHEERY NOTE AT 1775 MOLLY PITCHER HWY S. CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201.

WE HAVE HEARD FROM MANY DETACHMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTH OF OUR MARINES. I WILL CONTINUE TO PASS ON THAT INFORMATION AS MANY OF THEM HAVE DEVOTED MCLA MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY.

DEPT OF IOWA, LONG TIME MEMBER, JUDY METZGER LOST THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, MARINE ROGER METZGER ON NOVEMBER 11, 2018. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THAT FUNERAL AND THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE FROM 4 MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS WAS OVERWHELMING. CARDS OF CONDOLENCE MAY BE SENT TO JUDY AT: 210 OAK STREET, WAVERLY, IA. 50677.

I RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE SON OF PNP GLORIA HOWARD THAT HIS MOM WAS NOT RESIDING IN AN ASSISTED LIVING HOME AND WAS NOT ABLE TO READ MAIL. HE ASKED THAT WE TAKE HER OFF OUR EMAILS AND MAILING LISTS. I KNOW THAT THAT CLOSE IN THE AREA WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT HER AND KEEP HER SPIRITS HIGH.

**CHRISTMAS IS A SPECIAL TIME TO GIVE, TO SERVE, TO LOVE. IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOURSELF, BUT OTHERS THAT YOU LOVE.**

I KNOW WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, KEEP THEM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF OUR SERVICE PEOPLE FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

**HOLIDAY LOVE AND BLESSINGS FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS, PNP  
BARBARA NOBILE, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN**

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# MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 28 – March 2, 2019 Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center

2801 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg VA 22401

Phone: (540) 786-8321 \$99.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

## ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 8, 2019

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

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A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution**

### Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

### Banquet Meals @ \$50 Each

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