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From the Desk of the National President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

Wow, where has the time gone? Didn't we just leave Buffalo?

I have a few reminders to pass along. First, dues are now late if they have not been sent to National Headquarters yet. Please get them submitted as soon as possible. Also, remember that all units and departments need to be on the same fiscal year as National which is July 1 to June 30. In addition, 990N e-postcard filings need to be done between July 1 and November 15 on the IRS website. Finally, all newsletter articles should be sent to our Newsletter Editor Meg Krebs at the following email address: mcla-newsletters@msn.com. Meg is currently updating our website so check in to see the new look.

I would like to publicly thank our National Secretary, Karen Grady, for all of her hard work on behalf of all of our members. She is a real gem! She is keeping up with transmittals as they come in and is currently working on the Life Interest checks. She will then be preparing the National Convention Proceedings for distribution which will be sent to all units and departments in early October. If the bylaw changes have been approved by that time, they will be included in the mailings.

Our National Senior Vice President, Evelyn Joppa, will be representing me at Modern Day Marine Expo in Quantico, VA at the end of September. One of the things that she will do while there is spend a day working at National Headquarters, assisting Karen Grady in any way she can. Thank you, Evelyn, for stepping in for me.

Recruit every day! Please remember to carry a membership application, a business card, and a "What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary?" brochure with you everywhere you go. You never know when you will meet someone who would be an asset to our auxiliary. If you don't ask, they won't join!

Thank you, Ladies, for all that you do for our Marines and their families and your communities. At this writing, there is an extremely powerful hurricane headed toward our east coast. Please keep those on the Atlantic seaboard in your prayers and provide whatever help you can in its aftermath as needed.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith

Carol Smith





990n (epostcard) Filings

Please remember to file your 990n (epostcard) no later than November 15th through the IRS website.

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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From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Greetings Ladies!

Our hearts & prayers go out to all our members and others recovering from the devastating hurricanes & fires. Many have a long way to go for recovery and getting their lives back to normal. My thanks to all who have and are providing helping hands to those in need.

Many of us are getting back to the business at hand. Many are planning events like Department Fall Conferences, Birthday Balls, Veterans Day and the Toy for Tots program. These events keep our days filled with fun, as we know how great it is to spend time with those, who share our goals and objectives of helping Marines, their families, Veterans and our Communities.

I recently joined with my local auxiliary to welcome back, an "Honor Flight" at the St Pete Clearwater Airport with about 70 of our veterans returning from their trip to Washington DC. What a joyous time to see the faces of these Veterans. Tired, but so pleased for the opportunity. Our efforts to thank them and welcome them back was greatly appreciated.

In a few days, I have the honor to attend the annual Modern Day Expo. in Quantico, VA. While there, I plan to spend some time in the office at National Headquarters. My goal is to assist our secretary, Karen Grady with any tasks that will be helpful.

To keep our auxiliary strong, we need to stay on the quest to recruit at least one new member during this year. Good luck to all.

Remember "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn Joppa

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

Ladies:

Where have all our members gone?

In August 2016 we had 3,048 members; in August 2017 we had 3,004 members, a decrease in membership of 44. Now in August 2018, total membership reported at the recent national convention was 2,731 (which includes 17 members-at-large). That's a decrease of 317 members since 2016. Just think what our numbers would look like without the 242 newly recruited members!

When I looked at the membership report distributed at the convention by past Jr. Vice Joppa, I discovered that 24 units had not submit transmittals prior to the June 30, 2018, deadline - for a total of 237 members. Of those units, some had five or fewer members; others indicated they closed at the end of 2017. Two units listed on the 2017 membership report did not appear on the 2018 report, and there were units who were closed or closing in 2018.

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I guess my question is, where are the members from those units? Remember, once you are an MCLA life member, you are an MCLA life member until you pass from this life. When a unit closes, all of its members are to be given the opportunity to transfer to another unit or to become a member-at-large. Were all of these ladies given this opportunity?

I realize that some units close due to the age of their members; others close from dwindling membership due in part to lack of interest or health issues. Others do not want to apply for an EIN number, nor do they have the funds some states require to become incorporated. Of note, a unit in New York is turning in its charter after 60 years due to the age of the membership and the requirement to have an EIN number and be incorporated. How sad! Next month I will share some ideas on how we may help some units in this situation.

For now, I am asking the Division vice presidents to look over the 2018 Membership Report (if anyone needs one, let me know and I will see that you receive a copy) and reach out to those units whose June 30, 2018, numbers were “zero.” See what can be done to bring them back into good standing or take the necessary steps to be sure their members are either transferred to another unit or become members-at-large, rather than leave the Auxiliary to become Associate members of the League.

My motto when I was the Northeast Division Vice President was **RETAIN, REVITALIZE, RECRUIT**. We need to retain the members we have by revitalizing our units, if necessary, and to recruit new members.

Happy Halloween



Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

The air was quite crisp today as I drove to church and I wondered where the summer went. I wasn't exactly ready for fall to actually be here, but the frost on the pumpkin is telltale sign. Ah well, life goes on and so do the seasons.

This can be an exciting season for Unit members as everyone should have heard or read the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures that were presented and voted on at the National Convention. In accordance with Article Eight of our National Bylaws, each revision, amendment or repeal: *shall become effective after approval of the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League but no later than 01 January of the following year.*

It is a perfect time for Units and Departments to review their own Bylaws and Administrative Procedures to ensure they are not inconsistent with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. I would be happy to chat with you about your Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and what items to include

in your Bylaws which may be specific to you such as what constitutes a quorum for your meetings.

Remember that Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures can only be amended at a Department Convention, but it is never too early to start talking about them. Yes, it is a fun time of year!

Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Programs of Pride

Cpl James L. Anderson Unit
Cache Valley, UT

The Corporal James L. Anderson, Unit 476 of Cache Valley Utah was pleased to be the recipient of the 5th Annual Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce Patriotic Golf Tournament, held on September 11. It was a great privilege for members of our unit to post the Colors on the 17th Anniversary of 9/11. After a beautiful opening ceremony thanks to Al Lieske, Rocky Mountain Division Aide to Camp and Eric Evenhuis, Bagpiper, our unit sat at Hole 16, to talk with the golfers and tell them more about the MCLA. We must have been a motivating crew, as across the board, hole 16 posted some astonishing scores.



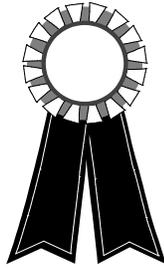
(L to r) Barb Longson - Chaplain, Darcy Anderson, Dept. of Utah President, Cindy Stettler - Jr. VP



(L to R) Al Lieske - Rocky Mtn Division Aide to Camp, Barb Longson - Chaplain, Darcy Anderson - Dept. of Utah President, Cindy Stettler - Jr. VP



(L to R) Kristine Waechtler - Unit President, Barb Longson - Chaplain, Darcy Anderson - Dept. of Utah President, Eric Evenhuis - Bagpiper, Al Lieske - Rocky Mtn Aide to Camp, Cindy Stettler - Jr. VP, Dianna Griffin - Volunteer Hours Chairman



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Programs of Pride

Morris Dixon Unit

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

The Morris Dixon Marine Corps League Auxiliary had a few members who welcomed back Veterans on an "Honor Flight" Tuesday Sept 11, at the St Pete Clearwater Airport. About seventy veterans traveled to Washington DC. It was certainly a joy to see their faces. The auxiliary passed out thank you cards and gave many hugs & handshakes. Those welcoming veterans are listed below:



Diane Spencer, Sandy Totz-Fry, Evelyn Joppa, Kathy Ashley & Donna Lewis.



The Honor Guard for the Santa Claus Hall of Fame was present. This was a popular group among the returning Veterans. Pictured with them are Sandy Totz- Fry and Evelyn Joppa.

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Holly Price, from Colorado needs our prayers for her husband Phil. He will be starting another round of Chemo soon and is having a real tough time. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them at: 2100 Ellis St. Golden, CO. 80401.

Prayers were needed for Semper Fi Unit member from New Jersey. Kellyann Kinney suffered a stroke and was placed in a coma.

Linda Chamberlain, National Jr Vice had asked for prayers for her step son in law (Christopher Mahler) who is doing OK after his second treatment for kidney cancer with other treatments scheduled. They are thankful for the CAT scan showed fewer cancerous spots than originally thought. Send everyone good thoughts.

Barb Diemler, Central Missouri Unit, lost her step sister, Cathy Garcia. Although Cathy suffered from Alzheimer's, her death was very sudden. Cards of condolence may be sent to Barb at: 206 B Rock Beacon Road, Jefferson City, MO. 65109.

Mary Brown, Hamilton Walters Unit, Iowa, fell and will need back surgery soon. Cards of cheer: 2016 Barret St. Burlington, IA. 52601

MAY GOD BLESS ALL WITH A WONDERFUL COLORFUL FALL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

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