



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Happy Birthday, Women Marines, and congratulations to 66 years of service to our Corps! Since 1918 women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marine Corps. Over 1,000 women Marines were deployed in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990-1991. Today women constitute about 6 percent of the Marine Corps. We are proud to be working with many of you who continue to serve Marines and your community through the League and the Auxiliary.

Thank you to those who will be attending the Quin Division Conference in Oceanside, CA, on February 5th-7th. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Midwinter Staff Conference in Falls Church, VA, Feb. 12-14, 2009.

Midwinter Conference events begin Thursday afternoon with the MCLA Board Meeting at 1 PM. The hospitality rooms will welcome you at about 7 PM that evening. Friday will begin with the Department Presidents' Council at 7:45 AM before the opening ceremony, followed by a full meeting session, and then the Operation Little Angel support event at 7:13 PM. Wear black and white just for fun. Saturday will be a full day beginning with breakfast organized by Senior VP Alice Blackford at 7:45 AM followed by a full meeting session. Saturday evening at the banquet you could win a very nice cash prize when the winning National Headquarters Project ticket is drawn! The Ship's Store has new merchandise amongst which are navy long-sleeved polos, challenge coins made especially for our Auxiliary, and some custom made candy bar wrappers!

After much thought on how to reduce expenses at our national headquarters we have created a new process for you to update your copies of the MCLA important forms and information. Attached you will find the "List of Important Forms and Information" showing the titles and Web site addresses for each document. By going to the MCLA Web site Forms page you will be able to get any form that you need without sorting through an entire packet of current, but reprinted forms. Here is the address: <http://www.nationalmcla.org/> This new process will save printing, mailing, and labor costs. The new list replaces the presidents' packet. If this is inconvenient for you, ask someone in your unit who is comfortable with using the computer and the Internet to print the form for you or as a last resort, call Pat at headquarters.

Safe travels for all who are attending meetings and conferences. May your devoted service reach further and touch more.

Semper Fidelis,

Caroline S. Ruhmshottel

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Marine Corps League Auxiliary
List of Important Forms and Information

The listed documents have been carefully created to help you, your unit, and department conduct business and fulfill the mission of the Marine Corp League Auxiliary. This list contains only the most important forms and information. All other forms needed as well as those listed below are posted on the MCLA Web site on the Forms page at this address:

<http://www.nationalmcla.org/forms.htm> If you have these forms and instructions in packets distributed in the past, check the revision date on the bottom left. If the date matches the one posted on the Web site it is current. To view or print any information listed below; copy the document address and paste it into your Internet address window and the document will appear.

Web Title and Topic		Document Address - Location on the Web site
List of Important Forms and Information		http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/List_ImportantFormsInfo.pdf
Membership and officers:		
1	Transmittals Instructions	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/13Transmittal%20Instructions.pdf
2	Transmittal Example	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/TransmittalExamples.pdf
3	Bond Form	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/bondform.pdf
4	Transfer Form - blank	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/transferform.pdf
	Transfer Form - interactive	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Interactive%20Forms/transferformInteractive.pdf
5	Oath of Obligation - unable to attend	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/oath.pdf
6	Installation of Officers & Election Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/installationofficersreport
7	Officer's Report Form	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/officersreportform.pdf
8	Important Information (new)	
9	Notice of Death	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/deathnotice.pdf
Volunteer Activities Reports:		
10	Reports/General Guidelines for All	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/generalreportsguidelines
11	Cover Sheet-Volunteer Activities Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/coversheetdepartmentnatl.pdf
	Cover Sheet-Volunteer Activities-Interactive	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Interactive%20Forms/InteractiveREPORTS%20COVER%20SHEET.pdf
12	Donated Items - Guide for Pricing	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/enclosure%2012newvalue.pdf
13	Americanism Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Interactive%20Forms/Americanisms
14	Child Welfare - Youth Activities Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/childwelfarereport.pdf
15	Civics Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/civicsreport2.pdf
16	Girl Scout Award Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/girlscoutsaward.pdf
17	Rehabilitation Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/rehabreport.pdf
18	VAVS Hospital Report	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/vavsreport.pdf
	VAVS Hospital Report - Interactive	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Interactive%20Forms/InteractiveVAVSrevised.pdf
Others;		

19	Ship's Store Merchandise Order Form	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/Order%20Form%202.06%20(1).pdf
20	Memory Book/Guidelines for Compiling	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/memorybook.pdf
21	Historian Instructions – Unit & Dept	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/historianinstructions.pdf
22	Chapel of Four Chaplains Form	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/ChapelofFourChaplains.pdf
23	Chapel of Four Chaplains - Interactive	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Interactive%20Forms/ChapelofFourChaplainsInteractive.pdf
24	Chapel of Four Chaplains Guidelines	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/ChapelGuidelines.pdf
25	Treasurer's Tips for Success (new)	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/Treasurer%20Tips%20for%20success.pdf
26	Legislative Support (new)	http://www.nationalmcla.org/Forms/LegislativeSupport.pdf



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February 2009

To: Ladies of the MCLA
From: Karen Washabaugh, Jr. PNP, Chair – National Funding Special Committee

For some time it has been clear that we need to find better ways to fund our National Headquarters. Relying on current fundraisers, cost cutting, dues, and the occasional donation just isn't enough to meet basic operating expenses. National President Caroline has created the National Funding Special Committee to develop new options for both short- and long-term funding with the goal of reducing the burden on members and, therefore, local Unit resources, while insuring our future financial security.

The National Headquarters Project raffle at Midwinter, the Ways and Means event in the summer, and the Ships Store profits are a great start but more must be done. Here are some of the other ideas we are currently implementing or exploring:

1. Use <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx> for online shopping. Just enter "Marine Corps League – Auxiliary" in the box and go to the store of your choice. You can see how much we've earned at any time by clicking the Amount Raised button. This site does not compromise your privacy by keeping or sharing personal information.
2. Use <http://www.goodsearch.com/> for all your Internet searches. Enter "Marine Corps League – Auxiliary" in the box as above, then type in what you're looking for. MCLA makes approximately \$.01/search.
3. Telemarketing and Texas Hold 'em (poker) games, as approved by the membership at the National Convention, are under way thanks to Peggy Tuohy, MCLA Budget Chair. Both take considerable work and lead time and we appreciate Peg's efforts!
4. Use of PayPal or other online tool for Ships Store purchases and periodic or special donations through our website. Stay tuned for more on this in the near future.
5. Pledge and frequent donor programs to simplify making contributions to MCLA.
6. Planned-gift donor programs to attract bequests, insurance, and life income plans.
7. Special events and other efforts to better publicize MCLA to attract new participants.

Committee members Donna Jean Peterson (MN), Carol Corley (DE), Debbie Pierson (CO), Roslyn Smith (FL), and PNP Shirley Keyes (VA) join me in welcoming your ideas and suggestions. Either contact any of us directly or email me at kwashaba@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you again for the awesome privilege of serving you.

Semper Fidelis,

Karen Washabaugh

Junior Past National President



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TO: All members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary

FROM: Inda Adams National Southeast Division Vice President

In the Southeast Division we are continue to grow. We have one new Unit in Florida giving them a total membership of almost 300 members. We do have a couple of Units that are struggling to stay alive. FL. has a new Unit Flea Hide and is enthusiastic and has plans for a lot of fun and devilmint in the future.

There is one Unit that put out 63 sets of flags (American & Marine) twice a year on the graves of Marines at 22 cemeteries in their county. It takes 3 days and they drive over 200 miles. They place the flags and say a Marine prayer at each grave.

Some hold BINGO at Veterans hospitals and furnish refreshments, help with Operation Stand Down for homeless veterans.

Others give Scholarships to Alternative school and attend their graduation. Some donate school supplies to a school at the beginning of school year and replace when needed as part of OLA project and others give 4" flags to elementary and middle school. One holds an ice cream social at the end of the school year. Collect coupons and send to Germany to be used at the commissary and PX.

We participate in Veterans activities, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, marching in parades and attend Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations. Present Christmas Program for veterans and help with their Christmas Party with gifts and snacks.

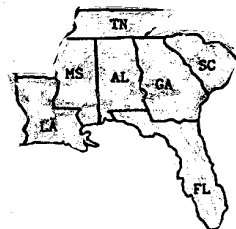
We send boxes of personal items, calling cards and other essentials to veterans in Iraq. One unit sponsored a breakfast and baby shower for a wife of a Marine stationed In Iraq. Donate gift bags of toiletries to veterans in clinics.

One unit bought a rocking chair for the Veterans Nursing Home and donated money to help purchase a MRI sound system for a VA Hospital. One Unit is working with other Veteran Organizations to fund a Guide Dog for a blind Marine.

We help with the Young Marines graduation, preparing desserts. Attend Funerals of Marines killed in Iraq. And older marines in our areas.

All units support Toys for Tots, OLA, Ronald McDonald House and in some areas The Fisher House Project. Some hold garage sales, mud runs and other things to raise money for their projects.

Semper Fidelis - Inda Adams & Assistant Lois Struthers-Payne





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Final Roll Call January 2009

Carolyn Schroering * 11/25/08
Kentuckiana Unit, Louisville, KY.

May The God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Your wonderful prayers were called forth for many of our Marine family members in the past days. Our Marine family has been left to mourn the passing of many loved ones.

Katie Reid, Past Dept. of Florida President lost her father on Thanksgiving Day.

Debbie Sterling, Life Member of the Herkimer County Unit in NY, lost her mother.

Gulf Coast Unit MCLA member, Joanne Nash, lost her husband after a lengthy bout with alzheimizer's. He was an Iwo Jima survivor, all of 17 when he hit the beaches at Iwo.

Nancy Reichenbach, Landis McCleaf PA member, lost her husband, Howard.

Tony Sarlls, Past Detachment Commandant of the Frank J. Carroll Detachment, has passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2009. Services were held on January 19, 2009 and is interned at Ft Logan National Cemetery. Please keep his wife, Paula Sarlls in your prayers.

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Keystone Headquarters Unit in PA had two members who required our thoughts and prayers while recovering from surgeries. Sharon Pavey and Gerry Bender, who I am sure, are well on their way to good health by now.

Kathleen Hodgson, Dept of Il. Member, Central Division, had a mild stroke. The prognosis was very good and she should be home resting by now.

In this New Year I would ask for continued prayers for those who are in need of jobs or some kind of assurance that things will get back to some kind of normal.

With a New Year, there is always hope.

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One Winter's night as I slept, I had a dream, and this I dreamt- the spirit of Peace and love came in the form of a Dove. As I lay upon my bed, He hovered high above my head> Quietly, laying very still, I prayed with all my will. "Please abide within my heart, never let us be apart. Come and keep me company, By God's grace, please enter me."

When I awoke at dawn, the meaning of my dream took form.

God's heavenly gifts from above are earned through prayer and love.

When God is kept in heart and mind, True love will flow from all mankind.

Ladies, you send forth powerful prayers when asked. Many thanks.

Happy New Year, National Chaplain, PNP Barbara Nobile

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