



# Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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## MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

Thanks to all of the excellent work of your Board of Trustees and Committees, the Midwinter Conference was a success. Much business was accomplished. The minutes will be published in the next newsletter. The MCLA hospitality suite was excellent. We especially thank the Mickey Finn Unit MCLA in Virginia for preparing the delicious food. A number of people brought homemade brownies and helped with the essential chores of set up and clean up to add to the success. The meatballs and wonderful brownies were a big hit. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

A human-sized panda bear greeted all those who attended the Operation Little Angel support event for Bethany House of Northern Virginia on Friday night. The representatives from the home for battered women and at-risk children were given close to \$5,000 in needed items and gift cards. One wall was filled with linens, toys, handmade blankets and mittens, pillows, and diapers. Units, Detachments, Departments, Dogs, Members, and the Marine Corps League Foundation have and are contributing to our OLA program. There was also a profitable OLA raffle and sale of handmade earrings.

Our Auxiliary representatives to the National Marine Corps League Legislative Committee visited Capitol Hill for two days to discuss veterans' legislation with congressman and senators. Our Legislative Chairman, PNP Karen Washabaugh, has written a summary of our success, focus, and bills we are supporting.

Thank you to all of the Units, Detachments, Dogs, and Fleas that participated in our successful Fall Headquarters raffle fundraiser and to Evelyn Joppa and her committee for excellent organization. Congratulations to our winners: 1st Place for \$250 - MCL Detachment #966, Coeur d'Alene, Id, 2nd Place for \$150 - JW Thurston Unit, Vestal, NY, and 3rd Place for \$100 - Kentuckiana MCLA, Lou. Ky. For the spring fundraiser all members can look forward to receiving a letter. If any of you have changed your address, now would be an excellent time to contact Pat Hess at National MCLA Headquarters to update your contact information.

Our growth goals for 2009 are for each of us to recruit two additional members and promote three new Units per Division. Your enthusiastic service inspires others to join forces with us to serve our precious veterans and needy communities.

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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**Midwinter Staff Conference**  
**Friday, February 13, 2009**  
**Department Presidents' Council**

Meeting called to order at 0745 by National Sr. Vice President Alice Blackford.  
28 members present.

Information distributed and discussed on the Duties and Purpose of this Council, general description of the Duties of the Officers, references on forms, Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for the Unit and Department Treasurer, Department and Unit Officer Report Form, line by line instruction for transmittals and a sheet " National President's Visitation Request " for correctly inviting the National President to your Unit, Department or Division meetings.

Members felt the officer report form would be less confusing if the name was changed to Department and Unit Presidents Report Form. This is where the President reports her activity in that office. Some units let the Sr. Vice President fill out a form for practice. Sending a copy to the appropriate Division Vice President would serve to keep her informed of the activities of Units and Departments in her Division. The change of name was referred to Nancy Calleja, Chair of Forms Committee.

A new sheet is online called MCLA Membership Information. This is to be completed by the member regarding the number of years she has been in the Auxiliary, the offices she has held and her activities in the Auxiliary. This is to be added to her other personal documents in case of death. The family has the information and sends a copy to National Headquarters.

A lottery scratch off, lottery tree and a Wheel of Fortune selling chances ( as seen at the Department of Florida National Convention) for prizes was discussed as fund raisers. Check the rules for your state.

If a Unit or Department term of office is over, please turn over records and property to your successor and forward mail .

It is very important you check all membership numbers and make sure any corrections get to National Headquarters, Division Vice Presidents and to the National Jr. Vice President. ALL copies of the transmittal must be legible. Verify that the math is correct before the transmittal, cover sheet and check for dues and fees leave your unit.

Try to elect willing officers and not just fill the positions.

Share your knowledge with other members.

Send your ideas and suggestions for information you feel would be helpful, to me and we will discuss at our next meeting at the National Convention in Rochester, MN. Email to [aliceb1322@comcast.net](mailto:aliceb1322@comcast.net).

Meeting closed at 0840.  
Semper Fi,  
Alice Blackford, National Sr. Vice President



*The Marine Corps League Auxiliary*  
National Ship's Store

Your MCLA National Ship's Store has some hot new items. They flew off the shelves at the Midwinter Conference. You too may be interested in ordering them.

			
<p>\$10 MCLA Challenge Coin Front (background color is navy)</p>	<p>MCLA Challenge Coin Back (background color is navy)</p>	<p>\$30 Long-sleeved Navy Polo with MCLA emblem</p>	<p>\$15 OORAH pin</p>

Order now. Call our National MCLA Executive Secretary, Pat Hess, at 703-207-0626 or email: [MCLAHQ@aol.com](mailto:MCLAHQ@aol.com)

**News from Your National Funding Special Committee**

First of all, Madam President Caroline reports getting an even better deal using GoodShop to buy online than the original advertisement offered by the vendor, and the same thing has happened to me – way to go!!! That's <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx> for your shopping needs and <http://www.goodsearch.com/> for your Internet searches.

GoodSearch/GoodShop is such a success that they are currently adding to their computer capacity, so please be patient if the response time is slow. Just remember that it's really worth it for all of us!

Secondly, several members of the Committee met for a brainstorming session at the Midwinter Conference where they and President Caroline came up with some exciting ideas, which we are now working to validate and flesh out details:

- Increase cash prizes for National Headquarters Project and send tickets to all members.
- Raffle off round trip plane tickets for two and other travel-related prizes to encourage participation in conferences and the National Convention.
- Allow attendees to buy ribbons instead of paying to bring banners to the Convention.

Stay tuned for more information and don't forget that we welcome your ideas, too! Send them to [kwashaba@comcast.net](mailto:kwashaba@comcast.net) or feel free to call me at 360.604.5706 (Pacific Standard Time).

Once again, thank you for the awesome privilege of serving you.  
Semper Fidelis,  
Karen Washabaugh, PNP

**100 % MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES  
MID WINTER STAFF MEETING – FEBRUARY 12 – 14, 2009**

Congratulations to the following Units and Department who receive these certificates. This award is given to Units who have been in existence at least one full year and have maintained a minimum of five members and have increased their membership numbers.

This mission is accomplished by the Unit and Department Treasurers who forward the proper dues and transmittals to National Headquarters in a timely manner. In addition, the Division Vice Presidents and Assistants reconcile the membership reports periodically. Thank you to all dedicated personnel who make this a rewarding experience.

**CENTRAL DIVISION – IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI**

<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Burbank</b>	<b>De Kalb County</b>	<b>Illinois Valley</b>
	<b>Mc Henry</b>	<b>Rockford</b>	<b>Sauk Valley</b>
	<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>Gem City</b>	<b>West Central Illinois</b>
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Hiram I Bearss</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>Leathernecks</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Kentuckiana</b>		<b>Michiana Hoosier</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>Cpl Jack A Davenport</b>	<b>Flint</b>	<b>Michigan Cochran</b>
	<b>Upper Peninsula</b>		
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Circleville Leathernecks</b>	<b>Dayton</b>	<b>Montezuma</b>
	<b>Tri State Marine</b>		
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Wisconsin Globe &amp; Anchor</b>		<b>Winnebago</b>

**MIDEAST DIVISION – DE, MD, NC, VA, WV**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Diamond State</b>		
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>L/Cpl Robert W. Deane</b>	<b>Anne Arundel County</b>
	<b>Mountainside</b>		
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	<b>Gen Raymond G Davis</b>	
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>James M Slay</b>	<b>Mickey Finn</b>	

**MIDWEST DIVISION – IA, KA, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD**

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Dubuque</b>		
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Heartland</b>	<b>Forrest G James</b>	<b>North Star</b>
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Gateway City</b>	<b>Northwest Missouri</b>	<b>Southwest Missouri</b>
	<b>Lake of the Ozarks</b>	<b>South St Louis</b>	
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>Dakota Marine</b>		

**NEW ENGLAND DIVISION – CT, MA**

<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>Hardware City</b>	<b>Southington Memorial</b>	<b>Valley</b>
	<b>Brass City Memorial</b>		
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Pvt Charles J Shutt</b>		

**NORTHEAST DIVISION – NJ, NY, PA**

<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>L/Cpl George L Dramis</b>	<b>PFC Jeffrey S. Patterson</b>	<b>Salem County</b>
	<b>Semper Fidelis</b>	<b>Toms River</b>	<b>West Hudson</b>
<b>New York</b>	<b>Adirondack</b>	<b>Akwesasne</b>	<b>Bett-Toomey</b>
	<b>Catherine Cirelli</b>	<b>Conrad F Kania</b>	<b>Herbert J Holstein</b>
	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Merton R Kemp Jr</b>	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Gen Smedley D Butler</b>	<b>Chester County</b>	<b>Coal Cracker</b>
	<b>Sgt Wm L Dixon</b>	<b>Greensburg</b>	<b>Capt Robert Lee Green</b>
	<b>Keystone Headquarters</b>	<b>Schuylkill-Carbon</b>	<b>Upper Darby</b>

**NORTHWEST DIVISION – ID, MT, WA**

<b>Montana</b>	<b>Flathead Valley</b>	<b>Donald J Ruhl</b>	
<b>Washington</b>	<b>Melvin M Smith</b>	<b>Mt St Helens</b>	<b>Columbia River</b>
	<b>Twin Harbors</b>	<b>Skagit Valley</b>	<b>Yakima/Kittitas</b>

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION – CO, NM, UT, WY

Colorado	Frank J Carroll	Foothills	Skyline
Utah	Northern Colorado	Loveland Sweethearts	DEPT of COLORADO
	Cpl Adam A Galvez		

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION – FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, TN

Florida	Barefoot Bay	Charlotte County	Gulf Coast
	Riverview #1226		
Louisiana	Southwest Louisiana		
Mississippi	G H Vaughn		
Tennessee	Chattanooga	Lt Alexander Bonnyman OHR	

## SOUTHERN DIVISION – AR, TX

Arkansas	River Valley MCLA		
Texas	Deane Hawkins	Zapata	Pecan Valley
	Heart of Texas		

**This report reflects the paid up Membership totals as submitted to National Headquarters as of December 31, 2008. In August of each year the membership numbers begin again with the transmittals and annual payment of dues. Life members should be transmitted each year even though they are not required to pay further dues.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Gerri Tuohy  
National Jr. Vice President  
February 2009**

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE DIVISION & NATIONAL EVENTS

### *MARCH 2009*

Mar 5-7, Southeast Division Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, at the River Terrace Resort & Convention Center, Rooms \$75, Registration & Banquet \$50, call 1-800-953-7469 or e-mail: [carolann@discountours.com](mailto:carolann@discountours.com)

Mar 27-28, Mideast Division Conference, Hosted by: Department of West Virginia Days Inn (\$67.50/night + tax), 347 Meadowfield Lane, Exit 9 off I-77 & US 460W) Princeton, WV 24740, For reservations call: (304) 425-8100

### *APRIL 2009*

Apr 16-18, Central Division Conference, Hosted by: Department of Wisconsin Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center (\$62) Neenah, WI

### *AUGUST 2009*

July 31- August 8, 86<sup>th</sup> National Marine Corps League & Marine Corps League Auxiliary Convention, Hosted by: Thor Detachment and Thor Unit Kahler Grand Hotel (\$89 plus tax), 20 Southwest Second Avenue Rochester, Minnesota 55902, For reservations call: 800-533-1655

Contact person for save the date information – Dotty Sanning - [dsanning1@gmail.com](mailto:dsanning1@gmail.com)



## **News from Your Legislative Committee**

National President Caroline and two of your Legislative Liaisons joined the MCL National Legislative Committee on Capitol Hill to focus attention on initiatives of particular interest to all of us. Please join us in supporting the following legislation:

**Concurrent Receipt** – to allow veterans to collect all of the retirement and disability pay they have earned without offset for those who are less than 50% disabled (HR303 & HR333).

**Medicare Subvention** – to allow VA to collect and retain Medicare funds for the treatment of non-service connected Medicare-eligible patients including category 7 & 8 (no bills yet).

**Women Veterans & Family Issues** – we focused on three areas:

1. Is there discrimination based on gender for rating disabilities, especially PTSD and other combat related issues? Anecdotal information needs to be confirmed by statistical evaluation and oversight (HR952 may be a start on this).
2. Sexual assault & domestic violence among military personnel and families (HR840), as well as overhaul of VA treatment criteria (no bills yet).
3. What happens to the children of veterans who are declared mentally disabled by PTSD, TBI, and related concerns? There are no bills yet, but HR293 does address reintegration of homeless veterans, both women alone and single parents with children.

Other legislation of interest:

- HR24 renames Department of the Navy to Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.
- HR293 helps homeless veterans, both women alone and single parents with children.
- HR816 prohibits increases in Tricare co-pay.
- HR1016/S423 authorizes the VA to budget for two years at a time, thereby reducing gaps and uncertainty in funding.

All of the bills identified above are currently in committee. Please contact your representatives to express your support and encourage them to move these bills forward into law. More information and sample letters may be found on the MCLA website – [www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org) – behind the Forms tab under “Legislative Support.”

Semper Fidelis, Karen Washabaugh, PNP – Legislative Liaison Chair



## Marine Corps League Auxiliary Sisters

There is always something going on through-out our auxiliary no matter where one is in the world. We all try very hard to help our marines, our marine families, and our community in so many ways. I would like to send a very small summary of what our auxiliary sisters in the Midwest keep themselves busy with to let you know that even the smallest of giving is a heart full of thanks from the individuals who receive it.

Operation Holiday Joy Sent over 200 stuffed Christmas stockings to troops overseas and squeezing into the space in each box with deodorants, sanitized hand wipes and hard candies to share with fellow troops. Our marines love those decks of cards which were included.

Operation MN. Nice: Adopting a Marine and sending \$25.00 in items each month.

Area Food Shelf's receive many donated bags of groceries for needy families of the area.

Toys for Tots, Toys of Kids: Worked with local Detachments and marine

recruiting stations that gave thousand of toys to thousands of children. Another holiday program, Shop with a Hero: Paid for half of the bikes presented at annual Marine/ Cops Day.

Area VA. Hospitals and VA homes received many clothing items as over 150 suits, sweaters, slacks, trousers, jeans, bathrobes, blouses and men's shirts. Other items such as dozens decks of playing cards, over 100 lap quilts. Forrest G James of Minnesota gave 1 full size bed quilt, 36 leather and cloth tote bags, briefcases and shoulder bags.

Little Angels program is very high on every auxiliary units mind. We give in funds, clothing, school supplies, food, toys, and even have fun days for children that are missing their parents that are deployed overseas. Many units do at times pick a special needs Little Angel to give extra funds to such as a 4 year old Mankato boy with Leukemia and a 2 year old Mankato child received abuse with permanent brain injury from the baby sitter. Our little angels need help from above as well as here on earth and we all try to help in the best ways we know.

All of us from the Midwest want you to know that caring and sharing is every-where when it comes from the heart and we just wanted to share some of ours with you.

On behalf of the Midwest Division, we hope all of you enjoy your giving and support as much as we do.

## **OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL- MIDWINTER 2009**

The annual Midwinter Operation Little Angel event honoring Madame President, Caroline Ruhmshottel, was held at 7:13 PM on Friday night, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was titled a Black and White Affair. The guest of honor was the Bethany House of Northern VA, a domestic violence shelter. That is pretty much where the normal part of this event ended. A very large panda bear made the long trek from Minnesota to be with us. There was a biker babe, waiters, blues brothers, a nun, pirates; pretty much anything that came in black and white was there. And what a time we had. Guests were greeted at the door and given a nametag with either a black or white word on it and asked to find their mate. Committee member Janet Voltaggio had the guests guessing how many pieces of black licorice and white mints were in a beautiful large jar. Gerri Tuohy, OLA committee member, led the group in some rousing games of Bingo. (And we now know that some members take their bingo seriously). The committee had just as much fun shopping for the treats as we did eating them. They perused the isles at the local grocery store looking for all sweet treats that came in black and white. Even the sandwiches were black and white. There were prizes for all games and the tables were decorated in the chosen black and white theme. We had 58 ladies in attendance and were so thrilled with that number.

Thankfully, the guests from Bethany House had been forewarned that we might be dressing and acting a bit out of the norm. A lovely letter has already been received from them extolling how much fun they had and how much they enjoyed our enthusiasm and what we do in the name of children.

**AND JUST WHAT DID THE MCLA LADIES DO?** One wall of the meeting room was filled to capacity with: pillows, blankets, sheets sets, towels, wash clothes, shampoo, clothing, baby toys, baby clothes and blankets, huge bags of toys, educational toys, cups and glasses, diapers galore, (at least 16 boxes) art supplies for crafts, hand made mittens, warm coats and hats, and the list goes on. Your generous donations amounted to \$5000.00 counting these gifts and gift cards. The monies that were donated and collected will allow us to do wonderful things this summer in Rochester, MN.

We must give special thanks to Committee members Tracey Killinger and Pat Engel who manned the OLA table all weekend, selling the angel earrings that the girls MADE for our fundraising. The other raffled items were made and donated and we thank those members. Our fundraising project was a huge success and we owe a great deal of thanks to the gals who make the items and then work the tables. Teena Engel also helped her MOM work the table and we thank her as well.

Your generosity is what makes this project a success. The MODDF donated \$1000.00, the MCL Foundation \$200, The New England Division \$500.00 and OLA advisor Helen Hicks \$200.00. A collection was taken from the body and that with our fundraising made for a very successful Midwinter. All of this enables us to plan for the summer event.

I know it is safe to say the ladies laughed, enjoyed the company of friends and had a very memorable evening. There is rumor that there is video proof that we had a super good time. The committee and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.

PNP Barbara Nobile, Chair,

COMMITTEE: Tracey Killinger, Pat Engel, Gerri Tuohy, Janet Voltaggio, Lora Woods, PNC Helen Hicks.

**OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL  
NATIONAL CONVENTION 2009**

**BRODIE HOUSE/ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA**

IF ALL THE WOMEN VICITIMIZED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
IN A GIVEN YEAR JOINED HANDS, THE LINE WOULD  
STRETCH FROM NEW YORK TO BEYOND LOS ANGELES

Along with all those women; are lost little children. In our small way we are helping to make their days a bit brighter. We can offer warm blankets and clean sheets, clothes for their backs and toys for their enjoyment.

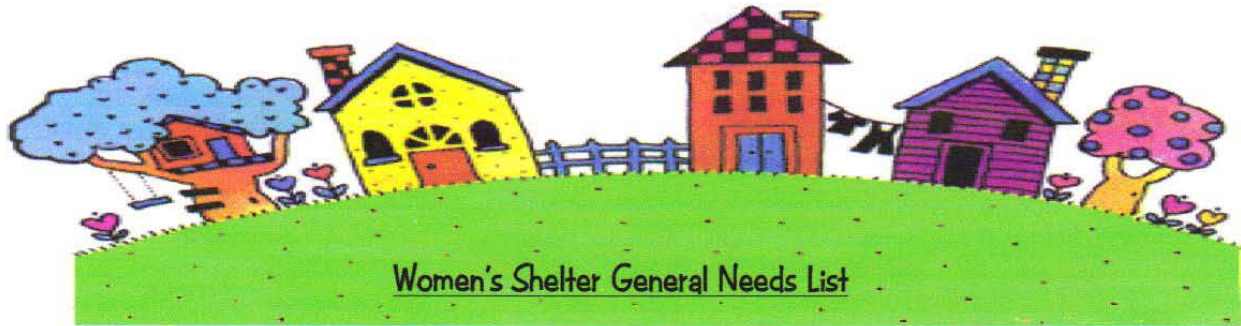
Visit the web site [www.womens-shelter.org](http://www.womens-shelter.org) and see what the WOMEN'S SHELTER INC. is all about. There are two facilities: the International Women's Shelter and Women's Shelter Inc Both shelters give battered women the safety and privacy to consider the impact of violence on all their lives. Thus is a place, where they and their children can live without fear or shame.

Attached to this article is a list of the gifts the two houses would like. In addition they would appreciate African American baby dolls, all baby dolls and clothing and accessories, Barbie dolls and clothes and scientific calculators.

In 2005 the shelters housed 443 women and 320 children. The Women's shelter provides K-5 in the Children's House School. 161 children participated in general educational activities on their children's program. This is one the largest facilities that we have chosen to help. In 2005 they provided legal advocacy for 2,259 women. The facilities believe that the children are our future, as do we.

We look forward to bringing a great deal of joy to these houses this summer with our gifts. The OLA committee urges you to look over the gift list to see what your unit can do to help with the National OLA project in Rochester, MN this summer. We will not be able to visit, but the homes are right around the corner from our hotel.

Happy Shopping, National OLA committee Chair, PNP Barbara Nobile



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Women's Shelter is to assist female victims of domestic violence and their children by establishing and maintaining a facility which will provide safe, temporary shelter to these women and children. Women's Shelter was begun not only to offer temporary refuge for individual victims of domestic violence but also to challenge society to develop satisfactory alternatives to violent living.

First Aid Supplies: bandaids, Tylenol, Advil, cough meds, cough drops, Children's Tylenol, Qtips, cotton balls, acid reducers, TUMs, antihistamines, rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, etc

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, paper plates, styrofoam cups, plastic silverware, aluminum foil, saran wrap, gallon size ziplocs, feminine hygiene products

Cleaning Products: sponges, bleach, dish soap, laundry soap(liquid or powder), Pinesol, Mr Clean, Clorox Clean Up, Dishwasher Detergent(in gel only), brooms, dust pans, mops, mop pails

\*\*Bedding: any TWIN SIZE only bedding, blankets, quilts or comforters, pillows, mattress pads

\*\*Household Items: pots/pans, baking dishes, cooking utensils, storage containers, hand held can openers, ice cream scoops

New socks and underwear (size 5-8) for women

New socks and underwear for boys and girls

\*\*Towels-bath, hand and washcloth

\*\*Pajamas/robes for women and children

Batteries-all sizes (new only)

Diapers-sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull ups/diaper wipes

Heating pads, ice packs

Gift certificates/gift cards to Walmart, Target, Kmart and Hyvee

Scientific calculators, zipper binders, backpacks, glue sticks

This is a current list of needs for our organization. Thank you for choosing our organization for your donation. We appreciate your assistance in obtaining these items for the shelter.

If you have questions about this list or would like to set up a time to meet our donation person to drop donation items off, please call Mary at 507-292-6746 (M-F). Thank you.

\*\*These items can be used but we ask that they are still in good condition-i.e. no rips or stains\*\*



# Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

## FINAL ROLL CALL MARCH 2009

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Georgiann Krope \* 11/19/2008  
Bartelme Schwefel Unit, Watertown, WI  
Condolences to: Holly Klopstein, 205 Fairview, Watertown, WI. 53098

Marjorie A. Hainzie \* 1/15/2009  
Lafayette Unit, Lafayette, IN.  
Condolences to: Children of Marjorie, 1822 Maple Street, Lafayette, IN.

Mollie H. Snyder \* 2/08/2009  
Keystone Headquarters Unit, Annville, PA.  
Condolences to: Mr. Ellwood W. Snyder (son)  
12 Greenbriar Drive, Myerstown, PA. 17067-3181

Pamela Ruth Gates \* 1/27/2009  
Kansas City Unit, Kansas City, MO.  
Condolences to: Larry Gates, 9005 NE Hwy. C, Lowry City, MO.

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Show me your ways, Oh Lord, teach me your paths: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

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Those in need of our prayers are the following MCLA members, their families or some of our Leaguers.

Pat Gilbert, Dept of PA. (Lewis B. Puller Jr. Unit), chaplain, had back surgery for a disk that had broken and embedded itself in the nerve root.

Sharon Train, Dept of New York Past Dept President, had surgery for ongoing cancer troubles. This terrible cancer keeps rearing its ugly head for Sharon. Please keep her in your prayers.

Barbara Schmaltz, mother in law of Landis McCLeaf member Lisa Schmaltz, had a stint put between kidney and bladder. She has a colon tumor issue.

Yvonne Haynes, Dept of PA member lost her daughter Kerry Webster. Yvonne thanks all who sent condolences recently. She is still grieving the loss of her husband Noel, who passed this past August.

Shirley Otto, Dept of TX. Had cancer Surgery.

Belinda Rischner, Southern Division VP, was in hospital for surgery, she has cancer in her lungs. She is thankfully back to work at this time.

Columbia River Detachment WA. lost member Arlos Watters, one of the first Women Marines to serve in WWII.

Diane Lawton, Dept of NY, North Shore Queens Unit, has ongoing heartache. She lost her daughter during National convention last yr. Her granddaughter just passed away from pneumonia. She was 25 yrs old. Diane recently had knee surgery.

Shirley Duncan, Skagit Valley Unit MCLA, WA, requests prayers for her husband Steve who had colon cancer surgery.

Mary Pitts, Gold Star mother, past SW Division VP, still needs our prayers as she battles with Adenocarcinoma cancer; this is treatable but not curable.

Meade and Gerri Phillips, SE Division VP and Commandant need our continuing prayers as they try to heal from the loss of their great grandchildren due to the horrible car crash. They both extend a heartfelt thank you to all who sent condolences.

Bill Gordon, Commandant of Torrington Memorial Detachment, and CT, passed away. Sadly as his wife was apprised of the situation she passed away also. Please pray for the family as they deal with this double grief.

PNP Shirley Keyes sister in law, Janet Keyes is in need of our prayers as she heals from a foot amputation. Keep all the family members in your thoughts.

Anne Zakian is taking care of her husband John, as he recovers in a rehab facility following surgery.

Pray daily for the comforts you enjoy, knowing our service people are in harms way daily, preserving our way of life.

Members, please send the death certificate in a timely manner, so family members receive the certificate on time.

*ALL THE WAY YOU HAVE LED ME, FROM YOUR WORD, MY HEART DID STORE, PRECIOUS TRUTHS  
YOU HAVE FED ME, I'LL REMEMBER, EVERMORE.  
THROUGH TRIALS, DARK AND DREAY, YOU STAYED WITH ME ALL THE WAY, THROUGH VICTORIES I  
SEE CLEARLY, YOUR GUIDANCE, COME WHAT MAY,  
WHAT OF THE PAST STILL LINGERS? BITTENESS AND STRIFE? NAY, FOR I HEAR YOU WHISPER,  
"THINK OF THE GOOD IN LIFE"*

Respectfully Submitted, National Chaplain  
PNP Barbara Nobile

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**MARCH 2009**



St Patrick's Day  
March 17th

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