



# Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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## SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

What an Excellent National Convention we had in Rochester, MN!!! Many of you were there. It was good to see and work with you for great progress. Thank you for the hospitality and organization of the Thor Detachment and Auxiliary Unit, the Department of Minnesota, and the National League and Auxiliary staff and officers for all their efforts to make it a successful week. The Grand Scratch, initiation of the Fleas, and assistance with the initiation of the Pedigree Devil Dogs was a highlight and one of the many memorable events.

Thank you for your trust and confidence to elect me to a second term as your National President. I will continue to work diligently for the good and growth of our Auxiliary. Congratulations to all the newly elected and installed officers. Thank you also to the national staff who have agreed to work on the many committees.

At the National Convention it was decided to hire an Administrative Assistant for twenty hours a week to work at our National office in Fairfax, VA. Interviews for the position will be on September 11 at headquarters and training during the week of Sept. 21. A brief description of the job is posted to our national Web site. If you know of anyone interested, please ask him or her to email or fax a resume and cover letter to me.

Also at the National Convention the body voted to pass two resolutions 1) "to bring the preamble of the Articles of incorporation into agreement with the National Bylaws Amendment to Article Six, Section 600 (A) – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY to include aunts, 2) The national body of the MCLA voted to amend the Articles of Incorporation to read "qualifications eligibility and rights of membership in this corporation shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary." Bylaws changes and Proceedings will be sent together by early October.

Another proposal to the body was passed to incorporate the option of using PayPal for online purchasing of items from our Ship's Store. Our Ship's Store Committee will be working on this upgrade. Items will also continue to be purchased by mailing or faxing an order form to the MCLA Headquarters office.

Madam National Judge Advocate Jackie Hunter investigated the matter of ordering the Semper Fi magazine. Members who want to subscribe to Semper Fi, state your request, your name and address in an email to Meg Thoburn at the League headquarters - [MThoburn@MCLeague.org](mailto:MThoburn@MCLeague.org). You will receive a subscription form to complete and return with the appropriate money.

Semper Fidelis,

*Caroline S. Ruhmshottel*

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## Laurel Hull 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Devil Dog's presentation in part to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary at the National Convention in Rochester, MN 8/6/2009

What I want to talk to you about today involves respect and civility. We need these things in our everyday life and in our interactions in the Marine Corps League, the Auxiliary, the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and in any other organization of which we may be a part. Let's look at the rules of civility. According to Pier Massimo Forni (a Johns Hopkins University professor), in his book "Choosing Civility: the Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct" the rules are:

1. Pay attention.
2. Acknowledge others.
3. Think the best.
4. Listen
5. Be inclusive.
6. Speak kindly
7. Don't speak ill.
8. Accept and give praise.
9. Respect even a subtle "no".
10. Respect others' opinions.
11. Mind your body.
12. Be agreeable.
13. Keep it down (and rediscover silence).
14. Respect other people's time.
15. Respect other people's space.
16. Apologize earnestly.
17. Assert yourself.
18. Avoid personal questions.
19. Care for your guests.
20. Be a considerate guest.
21. Think twice before asking for favors.
22. Refrain from idle complaints.
23. Accept and give constructive criticism.
24. Respect the environment and be gentle to animals.
25. Don't shift responsibility and blame.

These aren't the easiest rules to live by all the time. Many of us aren't taught some of these rules. Others are taught, but might have difficulty in living up to the challenge of these rules. This brings me to the area of respect. We must respect one another in order to grow and thrive as an organization. Sometimes all it task is a word or kind deed...

(Printed for you by the request of many members at the convention)

## Marine Corps Auxiliary Past President's Club August 2009

Acting regent Inda Adams called the meeting to order at 8:10 – in the absence of ailing regent Alice Blackford. Acting Chaplain Janet Voltaggio read the opening prayer and draped the charter in honor of deceased members. Connie Sexton led the salute to the flag and pledge of Allegiance. There were 36 members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Cindy Marshall. The minutes were accepted as read with correction of spelling on one member's name.

Roll call: Regent Alice Blackford-Excused, Vice Regent, Inda Adams-present, Parliamentarian, Karen Washabaugh-present, Historian, Rosemary Foster-absent, Trustee #1, Colleen English- excused, Trustee #2, Pat Kosut- absent, Trustee #3, Janet Voltaggio-present, Sentinel, Joan Devlin- absent, Secretary, Margaret Hass-absent, Treasurer, Virginia Hanson-absent

The oath of obligation was given to two new members: Patricia Skelding from Riverview Unit Florida and Miriam Backes, The Villages Unit Florida

The treasurer's report was given by Cindy Marshall as presented to her by retiring absent Treasurer Virginia Hanson. There were no bills reported. There was no money given to charity until the change in treasurer is complete and finances may be reviewed.

A letter from Margaret Hass was also read as she feels she must now step down from the secretary position.

There was no unfinished business.

A new charter was requested since the existing one was pitiful in the words of the body. Discussion ensued as to whether the new charter was as official as needed. It is.

The books were to be audited by Connie Sexton and Elaine Scheiffer due to the changes in Treasurers.

Deborah Evans was asked if there were more rituals. She also explained an error in some finances. Further discussion on this issue may be clarified next year when a full financial report is more readily available.

A volunteer was requested for secretary as Barb Nobile was only filling in for the day in the absence of Margaret Haas. Darlene Maccubin offered her services.

Good of the Order- Nominations were held for election of officers.

Regent- Inda Adams, Vice Regent- Karen Washabaugh, Parliamentarian- Colleen English, Chaplain- Janet Voltaggio, Historian- Barbara Nobile, Trustee#1- Nancy Caleja, Trustee #2- Dottie Sanning, Trustee #3 – Joyce Brickett, Sentinel- Dorcas Simpson, Secretary- Darlene Maccubbin, Treasurer- Cindy Marshall

The incoming officers were installed by past regent Deborah Evans.

The meeting was adjourned by new regent Inda Adams to meet again in Greensboro, NC, August 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Nobile, Secretary pro-tem

## Programs of Pride: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY UNIT #137 SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit #137, Spring Hill, Florida, a 54-Member Unit serves the interest of the United States Marine Corps and their families, our Veterans, the Marine Corps League and our community in a variety of ways.

- Donations to the Veterans at the James A. Haley Hospital, Tampa, FL, in the form of socks, underwear, shower shoes, toiletries, ear phones, etc.
- Donation of funds to the HPH Hospice Children's' Assistance Program Annual Bereavement Camp.
- Donation of funds to Lea's Prayers and Postage and Gifts from Home in support of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Funds donation to the LCpl Brian R. Buesing Young Marines for scholarship uniforms.
- Recently donated two commercial vacuums to the Fisher House which houses the families of injured servicemen and women in James A. Haley Hospital. Provide yearly donations to the Fisher House depending on their needs.
- Support both the Dr. Harry Smith and LCpl Brian R. Buesing Scholarship Funds.
- Provides funds for Ice Cream and Pizza Socials for the Veterans at the James A. Haley Hospital.
- Donate funds and volunteer hours to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.
- Donate school uniforms to students in need at the Eastside Elementary School each year.
- Collected 300 green bags to be donated for use in the 2009 Holiday Food Program for Veterans and their families being coordinated by the James A. Haley Hospital.
- Provides weekly support to Marine Corps League Detachment 708 by assisting with Sunday Breakfasts, Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners and Friday Fish Dinners as well as special Entertainment Committee functions.
- Provides assistance to Marine Corps League Detachment 708 Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
- Prepared 4,000 Stars from previously flown flags to be sent to the troops as part of the "Stars for Troops" Program coordinated by Lea's Prayers & Postage and Gifts from Home. The stars are sent with a thank you for service message to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Stars are also being provided to our Veterans. This is an ongoing program that Unit #137 will continue to participate in and hope that other Marine Corps League Auxiliary Units throughout the Country will as well.

Stars for Troops Program: Front Row L to R: Theresa Drew, Edna Negron, Joan Johnson, Jean Sponheim, Brenda Mergener, Claire Hoover; Back Row L to R: Jan Voltaggio, Connie Maxim, Bunny Miller, Alma Lowe, Sandy Moore, Barbara Smith, Alice Rusconi and Shirley Johnson.





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To: All Members of the Auxiliary  
From: Meg Krebs, Web Master  
Subject: Successful Computer Maintenance & Preventive Measures

Uninstall any programs that you no longer use. This will free up much needed space on your hard drive. Speaking of Hard drives, have you defragmented your hard drive lately? Defragmenting (defrag called by most) organizes files on your hard drive to where it does not work as hard finding what it needs. How to: if you are running Windows XP/Vista click on start, then click on Computer, then you will want to select the C drive (that is the default letter for the hard drive), right click the C drive and select Properties. Click on the Tools tab, you will see either 2 or 3 choices, the one you will be clicking on Defragment Now button, many of you may have to click on Continue if a new window opens, it'll go through a Analyze phase. When completed, it may say that you do not need to defragment it, do it anyway by clicking on Defragment now. It can take anywhere from a few minutes to several hours depending on when it was last done. But before running the Disk Defragment, you will want to do a Disk Cleanup, this will be found under the General Tab, this will remove items stored in the computer's memory and hard drive that was left behind after uninstalling unused programs and other items that was used by your computer. If you are running earlier versions of Windows (98/ME) the Defragment will be found under Start>Programs>Accessories>System Tools and just follow the prompts. It is highly recommended that you upgrade your Windows environment to Windows XP or Windows Vista for security reasons.

Don't forget to clear your Temporary Internet Files and Cookies. Yes there are cookies on your computer, not the kind that the Cookie Monster or you eat though. Open up the Control Panel by clicking on Start > Control Panel. Window Vista users, you will need to use the Classic View after opening up the control panel. Click on Internet Options, then under the browsing history Click on Delete, a new window will open. You will select Temporary Internet Files, Cookies and History and click on Delete. Users of earlier Versions of Windows, just follow the prompts.

When all of the above are complete, it is time to shut down the computer. Wait about 30 to 60 seconds before turning it back on. This will clear out what was used in memory.

Don't forget to get all the Critical/Important updates for your Windows environment. Just go to <http://update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate/v6/>. Depending on which version of Windows you are currently using, you need to get the ones marked Critical or important all others are optional. There are a few visitors to our website that are still using Internet Explorer Version 6 and there are a number of vulnerabilities to IE6. The latest version of Internet Explorer is version 8; this can be found under the Windows Update. It is highly recommended that you do keep your windows environment up to date for security reasons. You do not have to get all the critical/important updates at one sitting, but do get them all.

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I have heard some reports that many of you have not been able to view and/or print the forms and other PDF files that we have on the website. It is not at the website level. Check and double check your computer security settings, especially for Internet Explorer. Click start, control panel, internet options. A new window will open called internet properties. Click on the security tab and make sure it's set to Medium-High. Under the privacy tab, that should also be set to Medium-High.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Meg Krebs*  
Web Master

FINAL ROLL CALL  
SEPTEMBER 2009

Anita Coleene Pitmman \* 7/ 26/09  
Kentuckiana Unit, Louisville, KY.  
Condolences to: Harmon Pittman  
37 Pleasantview Ave. Louisville, KY 40241-2616

Mary Smith\* 7/31/09  
Lake of the Ozarks Unit, Missouri  
Condolences to: Tom Smith, 11 Russell Loop, Brumley, MO. 65047.

God shall wipe away all teats from their eyes. Rev. 21:4

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Gem City Unit member Mary Lou Spikler lost her son due to injuries incurred from a motorcycle accident. Cards may be sent to Dan & nary Spikler – 309 Lind St. Quincy, Ill. 62031 Cards also to his wife Lori, 1464 S. lakeshore Drive, Fowler, Ill 62338.

Columbia River Unit Washington member, Peg Leinwebber lost her husband- Cards of condolence may be sent to her\_ 3114 NW Lakeridge Drive, Vancouver, WA. 98685-3552.

Tom's River NJ member Gina Wight passed away suddenly, her Mom, Diana Avant is also a member of the unit. Cards should be mailed to Diana at: 342 Pohatcong Ave. Waretown , Nj 08758 and to Gina's husband Tracy at: 24 Letts Landing, Waretown, NJ. 08758.

Peggy Wagner- Dept of Missouri had cancer surgery, please send cards and keep her in your prayers- 2022 Tanner Ridge Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Sharon Train, PDP from New York was in hospital for pneumonia. She is also a cancer patient. PO Box 146 Irving, NY. 14081.

PNP Marilyn Loeven is still recovering from a car accident. She was not able to travel to be with us at National convention. 3556 Raven St. Levittown, NY. 11756-5026. Prayers are needed for both she and Lew and members of her family. Daughter Kathy Crawford, North Shore Queens unit member is seeing a specialist for her back pain. She cannot stand or walk for long periods of time. Cards for her go to 17 Hemlock Rd. Hanover, NH. 03755. Another daughter, Christine Kramer's husband had surgery recently- 2 years ago while doing work around the house a circular saw almost cut off his arm. Surgery was performed at that time, but more was needed recently. Cards go to Terry Kramer- 96 Stackyard Drive, Mastic Lake, NY 11951.

Member Eileen Canright was diagnosed with a malignant tumor on her right kidney. Her husband is asking for prayers. Cards may be sent to her at: 323 Winter Ct. San Marcos, CA. 92069-5815.

PNP Gloria Lutz missed the convention due to emergency surgery. She is at home recuperating at this time and eager to get back to her duties as National comptroller. 417 Bartell Drive, Chesapeake, VA 92069-5815.

Also missed at national convention was PNP Virginia Hanson who is slowly recuperating from pneumonia and a great loss of weight. She says she truly appreciates all the cards sent her way at 19459 Orchard St. South Bend, IN. 46637-1925.

Southern Division VP Belinda Rischner was not with us either due to her recent surgery. Her tumor could not be successfully removed. This did not deter her from hoping she could soon return to work. She is waiting to hear when she will need her next bout of chemo or radiation. 224 Montrose, San Antonio, TX. 78223-3528.

Karen Bressler surprised us all by showing up at convention, following her shoulder surgery recently. She however was forced to make a short visit to St. Mary's hospital in Rochester as she earned herself an infection from working so hard in the ship's store.

We missed our old friend PNP Margaret Hass as well.

Sr. Vice Alice Blackford was visibly not with us but we had her on speaker phone from time to time. Alice has traveled to HQ to help pack our merchandise for convention and fell ill needing surgery in the DC area before returning home to TN. Once back home she needed further hospital care and is now almost back to new.

She missed the famous flea scratch planned for her, causing us all involved to be sad for her. Greetings may be sent to: 913 Gen. George Patton Rd. Nashville, TN. 37211.

We have many members who need our thoughts and prayers as they battle illness and these uncertain financial times. Say a prayer for all and keep those prayers coming.

In my distress I cried Unto the Lord and he heard me. Psalm 120:1.

Respectfully Submitted,  
PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

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