Greetings, since the beginning of this term in office in June, I had attended the National Convention in Arizona in August. The temperature was VERY warm, the day we left it had hit 117 degrees! Even though it was hot I would not trade that opportunity to meet people and learn new things that are happening around the nation.

In addition to traveling to AZ, I have been very busy trying to visit around the state. Sr. Vice, Ann LeClair and I were able to travel up to the Upper Peninsula in Escanaba and be part of the kick off parade for the “Toys for Tots” program. We had a fantastic time with the members of the Unit and Detachment. The next day we met with President from the Cpl. Jack A. Davenport Unit. I have also been able to attend the 75th Birthday celebration for the Fred Cochran Unit & Detachment!

The Dept. of MI MCLA is hosting the mid-winter rally January 28-31, 2016. It will be held in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn. This location was chosen trying to bring the Rally a little more centrally located for more Units and Detachments.

**Recruitment Challenge**

The challenge is very simple; the person who recruits the most new members between July 1, 2015 and May 20, 2016 will win.

**THE PRIZE:** The winner will receive a paid one night stay at the 76th Michigan June 2016 Convention. Value up to $120. This prize has no cash value and is not transferable.

**THE RULES:**

- Only one person may win
- A unit may not combine the total of new members to award prize to one person in said Unit.
- Winner must attend the convention to collect the prize
- In the event of a tie, winner names will be placed in a drawing and one winner will be drawn from the group
- The winner will be announced at the June Convention and MUST be present to collect on the prize.
- New members may NOT include a President, Sr. VP, Jr/VP, JA, Chaplain, Secretary, or Treasurer.
- The member may be regular or an associate and must be in good standing.
- The President’s decision will be final upon numbers received.

**REMEMBER:** To forward your new member applications to the proper people or they will not be counted.

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**God's Blessings**

**Veterans Day:**

A time to remember and honor all Veterans that have served this great Nation and it's people in it! Participate in a local event.
Department of Michigan Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Welcomes you to the 2016 Department of Michigan Mid Winter Rally – January 28 – 31, 2016

Location:

Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel & Conference Center
2424 S. Mission St.
Mt. Pleasant 48858
#989-772-4000

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the following chairpersons:

Dept. Pres. Mary Brief          PNP Gerri Tuohy          Dept. Sr. Vice Ann Le Clair
7120 Brief Road                12086 Riverbend          5283 W Wilson Road
Kingston  48741                Grand Blanc  48439          Clio  48420
989-550-9540                   810-695-3241            810-687-6091
Mipresmcla@gmail.com           wildgerri323@aol.com       misrvpmcla@gmail.com
Comfort Inn & Suites Conference Center
Phone: 989-772-4000

Room rates:
Standard: $94.00 + 8% tax
Family Suite: $130.00 + tax
King Executive Suite: $120.00 + tax.

Hot breakfast is provided daily

Cancellation of a room is 24 hours prior to arrival.
If a room is cancelled less than 24 hours on proposed day of arrival, one nights rate and tax will be billed.

Please mention Marine Corps League Auxiliary when booking rooms.

Cutoff date is January 7, 2016 for guaranteed room rates.

All major credit cards are accepted.

Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is noon on day of departure. Free parking is available.

There is no smoking allowed within the hotel, however, there are designated smoking areas outside.
Please use this form to pre-register for the 2016 Mid Winter Rally

NAME______________________ TITLE _______________________
ADDRESS ______________________ TEL #________________
NAME______________________ TITLE _______________________
ADDRESS ______________________ TEL #________________

Strip ticket is $52.00 Registration $ 5.00 #attending___
Hospitality $15.00 #attending___
Banquet $32.00 #attending___
Total cost $__________

Make checks payable to Dept. of Michigan MCLA

Mail check and form to: PNP Gerri Tuohy
12086 Riverbend Drive
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Reservation deadline is January 18, 2016.
Dept. of Michigan MCLA- Mid Winter Rally January 2016

Please support our Mid Winter Program Book. Use the form below and mail to the address listed below.

Book size will be 8 ½” x 11”

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**Ad Deadline: January 10, 2016**

**Checks payable to: Dept. of Michigan Marine Corps League Auxiliary**

No credit cards accepted

Please submit camera ready art
**Operation Little Angel Project for Mid Winter**

Every time we gather as a Department, we donate to a project that benefits women and children in the area that we are hosting our convention. At our Fall staff meeting the members chose the Women’s Aid Service, Inc. to receive our donations for our mid winter rally. We are providing you some information on this service in hopes that you will donate to this cause.

- Women’s Aid Service, Inc. has been active in the community since the late 70’s. We serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in a tri-county service area (Clare, Gratiot, and Isabella counties).
- On average we serve 560 women and children annually. Clients receive emergency safe housing (shelter), counseling, legal advocacy, and assistance with accessing community supports and resources. Our services are available to male victims of domestic and/or sexual violence as well. A challenge in this area, is keeping our community members aware of our services and
- As a non-profit agency, funding is always at the forefront of our minds. We receive State and Federal grants as well as funding from our local United Way, which are always subject to change. We are also dependent on, and grateful for, private donations.
- Child clients are also recipients of agency services. In addition to those residing in our emergency shelter, children are served by outreach services. A counselor/advocate is on staff to support children affected by violence, and to provide advocacy, information and education. Children in shelter are often in need of pajamas and clothing, as many families flee with only the clothes on their backs. While in shelter, staff and volunteers spend time with them playing games, doing crafts, and helping them adjust to a new environment.

It is my hope that during your holiday time of shopping that you might be willing to pick up a few extra items that you and unit would be willing to donate.

If you have any further questions please direct them to Sr. VP Ann LeClair at: misrvpmcla@gmail.com

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**DID YOU KNOW??**

Did you wonder why there are different color of covers that the ladies wear?

- Red represents: Unit Level
- Blue represents: Dept. (State) Level
- Gold represents: National Level

*** There is only ONE total White cover… That is the current National President

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**Mid Winter Raffle**

The Department Auxiliary is hosting the mid winter rally and since every Unit is part of the Department, we are asking that each Unit contribute a basket for the raffle table.

The Downriver Unit is spearheading the raffles. Please contact: Amy Vallie at 734.286.4835 to confirm that your Unit is willing to participate and donate.

*we have a few donations coming in, but we are looking for more to offer and are asking for your help.*
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**Ways and Means:** Susan Rivard  
**Captain of the Guard:** Benjawan Miller

**Flint Unit**
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They meet 7:30pm the 3rd Thursday of every month.

**Sgt. G.P. Porta Unit**
Rocky’s Restaurant ; Wayne or Westland, MI
President: Carol Ringvelski  
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They meet @ 6pm the 3rd Thursday of the month.

**Upper Peninsula Unit**
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They meet 7pm the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Michigan Cochran Unit**
Kent City, MI 49330
President: Virginia Johnson
They meet when they can approx., every other month; usually on a Monday.

**Cpl Jack A. Davenport Unit**
Prudenville, MI
President: Celine Smith
They meet 7pm @ the Am. Legion Post 2nd Wednesday of the month.

**Downriver Unit**
Wyandotte, MI
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They meet 7pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

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If any member would like to get The Bugler by email please contact me via email. Mary Brief: mipresmcla@gmail.com

The next newsletter I would like to feature what some of the Units are doing around our state. Please feel free to send me an article and a couple of pictures so we can all share!

Visit: www.Michiganmarines.org for

Grape Fruit Salad
Submitted by: Nancy Henn - Flint Unit

2 lbs Red Grapes (Seedless)
2 lbs Green Grapes (Seedless)
8 oz. cream cheese *softened
8 oz sour cream
2 tsp. vanilla
1/3 c. sugar * white
3 Tbs. Brown sugar
3 Tbs. chopped pecans

Beat Cream cheese, sour cream, and vanilla. Fold in Grapes. Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts. Cover and refrigerate.

Enjoy!