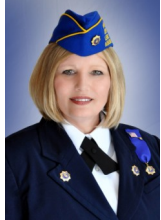


MICHIGAN MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY BUGLER

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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.

Soaring Eagle Casino is located only 5 miles from the hotel if that is something you would like to take advantage of. Soaring Eagle offers a special "Hero Players Card" for our Veteran. They will need to show a Veteran card or a copy of their DD214 in order to take advantage of the free money to play. If your Marine is planning on attending, and would like to take advantage of this, pass this information along to them.

The recruitment challenge remains the same as last year. I hope to see an increase in our membership. Please remember to promote this great organization. The best way is to invite and show others what we do for our Veterans and their families.

This time of year offers many opportunities to promote your involvement, we have Veteran Day, Marine Corps birthday celebrations, and Toys for Tots. Remember to Smile and Recruit.

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.

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, JrVP, 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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By-Law Education Corner:

Article Ten: Installations

Section 2:

Unit: Installing officer for any Unit in the Department of MI Shall be any current elected or Past National Officer, Department President, any Current elected Department Officer, or a Past Unit President.

A.) Prior to installation, the Units of the Dept. of MI shall advise the Dept. President of the following: who will install the Unit, the location, date, and time.

B) The standard report of Officers and Installation of Unit officers **MUST** be filed with the Dept. immediately following the Installation ceremony.



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

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:

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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"

Full page	8 x 10	\$100.00
Half page	8 x 5	50.00
Quarter page	4 x 5	25.00
Business Card	2 x 3 ½"	15.00
Patron	name only	5.00
Outside Back Cover	8 x 10	150.00- <i>sold</i>
Inside Back Cover	8 x 10	125.00
Inside Front Cover	8 x 10	125.00- <i>sold</i>

Please return this form with your ad and payment to:

Gerri Tuohy

12086 Riverbend Drive

Ad Deadline: January 10, 2016

Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439

810-695-3241

email: wildgerri323@aol.com

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

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

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.



Officers for the 2015-16 year

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Ranea Lajewski	Treasurer: Janet LeBeau	Captain of the Guard: Benjawan Miller
PNP Virginia Johnson	Fundraiser Treasurer: Peggy Tuohy	

Sgt. G.P.Porta Unit

Rocky's Restaurant ; Wayne or Westland, MI

President: Carol Ringvelski email: ringvelski@hotmail.com

They meet @ 6pm the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Flint Unit

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

President: Jennifer Bryan email: fedexchick69@aol.com

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

Michigan Cochran Unit

Kent City, MI 49330

President: Virginia Johnson

They meet when they can approx., every other month; usually on a Monday.

Macomb County Unit

Macomb, MI

President: : Joan Pfaff email: norjo2@yahoo.com

Upper Peninsula Unit

Escanaba, MI

President: Susan Rivard email: weeder55@charter.net

They meet 7pm the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Cpl Jack A. Davenport Unit

Prudenville, MI

President: Celine Smith

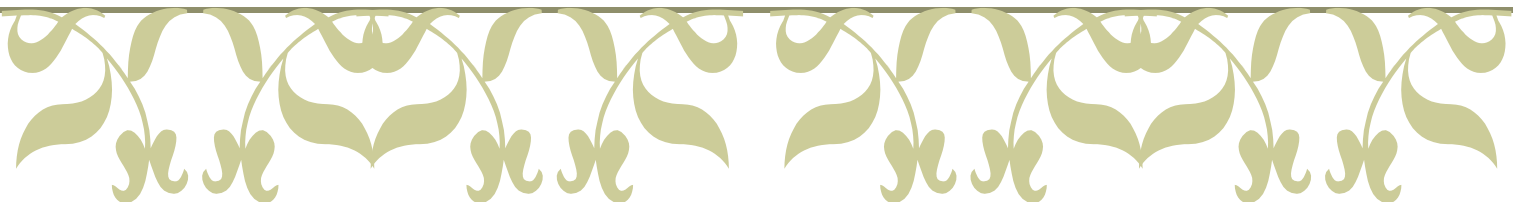
They meet 7pm @ the Am. Legion Post 2nd Wednesday of the

Downriver Unit

Wyandotte, MI

President: Amy Vallie email: amyvallie@yahoo.com

They meet 7pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month.



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Marine Corps League Auxiliary Member

If any member would like to get
The Bugler by email please
contact me via email.
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**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!