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Commandant's Corner

Al Kotrla, Dept. of Texas Commandant

I am struggling with words that can say how honored I am that you have elected me to serve as Commandant of the Department of Texas. I enter into the task with a genuine concern that I may live up to the confidence and trust you have placed in me and I can only assure you that I will deliver my best effort. I trust that each Marine of the League does the same. I must say to you all that I never had any ambitions or desires to seek out the office I now hold, but merely came into the League because I liked being around Marines and treasured the camaraderie we always enjoy at various functions. As I attended more League activities and continued to get involved, the more I wanted to be a part of what the League does. I've had great times and hope there are many more to come. I've learned a lot about Marine Corps League values and I am still learning as I go along. I've learned a lot about other members of the League and what it means to you. What an organization we have, that

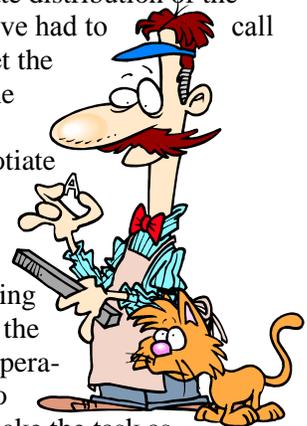


we can show to the world that we not only *were* Marines, but we *are* Marines. Once a Marine, Always a Marine.

I am very excited about the staff of officers now elected and appointed to serve the department for the next year. We have Marines who are truly dedicated to their various duties

and I expect we'll see great things from them. Past officers who have already served us so well are willing and eager to continue their service and I know we'll all benefit from their knowledge and experience. So many have given and continue to give. It brings home the League value that "we serve as ably in civilian life as we did in uniform."

Our first obstacle to meet came early – publishing and distributing the department newsletter. We simply do not have the funds or resources to make a first-rate distribution of the newsletter. As a result, we've had to call upon the detachments to get the published document into the membership's hands. I sincerely hope we can negotiate a satisfactory plan that will ensure getting news of the department out to those who are interested in knowing it. I appeal to all readers of the newsletter to work in a cooperative attitude with those who are distributing copies to make the task as pleasant and effective as possible. And as I asked of the detachment commandants, I would welcome any volunteer who can produce a polished plan for distributing the newsletter. Meanwhile, we'll make do with what we have and make the best of it.



I look forward to an exciting year with the Department of Texas Marine Corps League and I hope everyone will find fulfillment from what you do for the League, our Corps, and America. Don't forget national convention in New Orleans and the Fall staff meeting in Ft. Worth in October. See ya on down the road.

Chaplain's Comments*Ken Henry, Dept. of Texas Chaplain*

The following is the Lord's
Prayer as He wants it to be:

You cannot pray the Lord's
Prayer
And even once say "I."

You cannot pray the Lord's
Prayer
And even once say "My."

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer
And not pray for Another,

For when you ask for daily bread,
You must include your brother.

For others are included
In each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it,
It does not once say "Me."

Psalms 105:1-2 is a good directive to go by.

**MCL Auxiliary
Announcements**

*Jacquie Stephens
Dept. of Texas President*

To All Unit Presidents and Members:

The Department of Texas State Convention is now history. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful time. I wish to thank all the ladies in attendance. I am honored to say I was reelected as Department of Texas MCLA President for another year. This past year has been rewarding as well as a learning curve for me. I had the opportunity to work with the best Department officers in the MCLA and I appreciate the utmost support from Unit members. It has been a



great effort of the many within our Department of Texas that deserve recognition.

I wish to announce Coastal Bend Unit member Suzanna Perez was awarded "*Member of the Year 2000.*" As I stated in an earlier letter, your work does not go unnoticed. Please congratulate Suzanna when you see her. She truly earned this award.

I'm anticipating my trip to the MCL and MCLA National Convention being held in New Orleans August 13th through 17th and will be very proud to represent the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Department of Texas. I hope many of you can attend as well.

It is my sincere ambition to keep you informed and to assist you whenever I can. You may contact me at 903-465-6060 if you have any questions or need assistance. If I don't have the answer, I will find it for you. It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year and I thank you for entrusting this position to me.

FOR 2000-2001:**OFFICERS**

- ▶ President ~ Jacquie Stephens
- ▶ Sr. Vice President ~ Viola Trevino
- ▶ Jr. Vice President ~ Allie Willey
- ▶ Judge Advocate ~ Janet Walton
- ▶ Secretary ~ Marie Williams
- ▶ Treasurer ~ Gregoria Lopez
- ▶ Captain of Guard ~ Kaye Horne
- ▶ Chaplain ~ Duchess Hatley Gallion
- ▶ Auditor #1 ~ Suzanna Perez
- ▶ Auditor #2 ~ Lupe Araujo
- ▶ Auditor #3 ~ Connie Chambers
- ▶ Historian ~ Marie Williams

**CHAIRPERSONS**

- ▶ Americanism ~ Duchess Hatley Gallion
- ▶ Rehabilitation ~ Viola Trevino
- ▶ Child Welfare ~ Kaye Horne
- ▶ Civics ~ Marie Williams
- ▶ VAVS ~ Kathy Nelson

Charter Verification

Submitted by Josémaría López
Coastal Bend Detachment

Detachments receive a request for verification of Officers and Director Information from the Secretary of State every four years.

The form with the correct information **must be returned** (even if there is no change) in order to continue with an active charter. If it is not returned, the charter will be **REVOKED** without notification to the detachment.

The Secretary of State can be reached at 512-463-5578 or 512-463-5586 if you need to check on your detachment's form. Have your charter number available when you call.

To reinstate a revoked charter:

- Secure **Form 901: Report Update - Officers and Director Information** from the Secretary of State.
- Fill out the form.
- Return the completed form to the SOS.

The Secretary of State can also be reached via the Internet at their website: <http://sos.state.tx.us/>.

(Reference to this requirement is found in Article 1396-9.01.)

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- **National Convention**
New Orleans, LA - August 13th - 19th
- **Fall Staff Conference** (Dept. of Texas)
Ft. Worth, TX - October 12th - 15th

Uniform Tip

When wearing short sleeve undress uniform, no tie is to be worn. MCL ribbons or Marine Corps ribbons and badges may be worn, but not mixed.



Marine Corps League Department of Texas Officers

- Commandant:** A.R. "Al" Kotrla, Jr.
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Sergeant-At-Arms: E.C. Green, Jr.
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Dist. 3 Vice Commandant: Connie Peña
Dist. 4 Vice Commandant: Clif Williams
Dist. 5 Vice Commandant: Charles Meazles
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Legislative Officer: John Rodriguez
Historian: Bob Welch
Convention Chairman: Tom Miller
Natl. So. Div. V.C.: Tom Miller
Past Natl. So. Div. V.C.: Clifton Williams

