

**MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION, INC. (MPMA, INC.)**

**QUANTICO CHAPTER 32 LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**



July 6, 2011



Subject: **Letter of intent for MPMA, Inc. National Auxiliary Presidency**

Greetings & salutations to all members reading this;

My name is Dr. Cladie Spears and I pose to you, members of the Ladies Auxiliary, my intent to embark on the challenge of becoming your National President. If elected to execute the duties and responsibilities of National Ladies Auxiliary President as a trust for the benefit of all, and to the best of my abilities, I will uphold the vision and goals of the Auxiliary. As we move forward I envision that we will progress in a more unified manner that is aligned with the Association's vision and goals that have been set by our National President Dr. James Averhart, Jr. CWO4.

I am vigilant and ambitious about MPMA and Auxiliary business. As a Marine, the Montford Point Marines are a part of my history and therefore I take a personal interest in preserving the legacy of those African American Men who were allowed to enlist in the United States Marine Corps as a result of then President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802, in 1942.



The National President Dr. James Averhart, Jr. CWO4 has set an aggressive agenda consisting of two significant campaigns, the Congressional Gold Medal award and the funding for Montford Point Memorial Project. Since his presidency, I believe the importance of the National Auxiliary President's roll has intensified in relation to assisting with accomplishing these significant agenda items; enhancing community involvement, obtaining donations, and supporting the growth of the Association.

My focus is to develop a more transparent Auxiliary with clear guidance on how we can stay connected to the Association and support the two campaigns by executing an aggressive fund raising campaign toward the building of the Montford Point Memorial Project and attaining a substantial increase in support for the Congressional Gold Medal in honor of our Montford Pointers. I believe in pulling together to make things work and sharing knowledge that will create an empowered team.

In 2007 to present, I serve on the Executive Board for Teen Expressions, Inc.; contributing to the standing-up of a predominate teen staffed non-profit 501(c)3 organization to assist and act as a resource for public schools in Henry County by Igniting, Empowering, Inspiring, and Creating future leaders. I have extensive leadership experience from military to the civilian workforce, federal government, community, and a building representation in the Association.

Since March 6, 2010, as Quantico Chapter 32 Auxiliary President I have learned and continue to learn the business of MPMA. As Auxiliary President I immediately engaged in supporting the Quantico Chapter in their role as the host Chapter for the 2010 Spring Council and National Convention. In addition, I organized a high-quality Fashion Show as part of the host Auxiliary responsibility. Together we worked hard to make these significant events a success.

I am committed to increasing the visibility of MPMA while educating the community on important topics such as health and community involvement. We have succeeded in several awareness events over the past year i.e. Pink Party for Breast Cancer, Shades of Blue for Prostate and Colon Cancer, and Red & White Affair for Diabetes and Heart Disease. Each of these events has created relationships within the community and local sponsorships i.e. American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Applebees, Beijo Bags, Dale City Recreation Center, Famous Daves, Hollywood Hair Studio, IHOP, K2 Restaurant & Lounge, Entertainer John Blaze, Organo Gold, Pampered Gals & Guys, Party City, Sentara Potomac Hospital, Shoppers, and The Infinite Investor, and Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation. As a result, the Auxiliary was able to contribute \$1,500.00 for a 12 x 12 Montford Point Memorial brick in December 2010. In addition, these events have resulted in a regular flow of single donations from businesses and community members toward the building of the Montford Point Memorial Project. Continuous collaboration with other businesses and associations such as Blacks in Government (BIG), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Women of Stafford, Silky Smooth Dance Studio, United Way, etc. is a must in order to produce positive results and MPMA, Inc. is committed to getting results.

My commitment to MPMA, Inc. is to continue the collaboration and communication at the local and National level to bring about transparency while accomplishing the Auxiliary mission at-hand; *adding prestige and strength* to the Association. I seek your vote for National Auxiliary President, and I am confident that together we can accomplish more. There are many Original Montford Point Marines and pioneers whom paved the way depending on us to preserve their legacy.

It is with the humblest heart that I continue to dedicate, commit, support, and work hard to raise the bar and position Auxiliary members' where they will compliment the Association's efforts in remembering the trail blazers who fought for freedom and paved the way for many to follow. I stand on the knowledge that when you are connected to God, everything you set your hands on will be fruitful and blessed; just like a branch thrives when it is connected to the vine. I thank you in advance for your **VOTE**.

Semper Fidelis,

*Cladie R. Spears*

Dr. Cladie R. Spears (Marine Veteran - SSgt)

Once a Marine Always a Marine!

"Working Together Does Work"

