

Instructions to make the MCLA initiation kit:

(Reference – Initiation ceremony, section 2 in the MCLA ritual)

1. Materials:

- a. 5 sheets of 8.5 X 11” paper on which to print the pictures
 - b. Color printer
 - c. 5 5 X 8 index cards
 - d. Glue stick
 - e. Scissors
2. **Download:** the Word documents with the pictures and passages for each officer from the MCLA National Web site: www.nationalmcla.org
 3. **Print** the pictures and documents on a color printer using regular letter sized paper - 8.5 X 11 bright white paper
 4. **Measure** exactly where you want to cut the picture and draw a light pencil line on the back side using the edge of one of the index cards
 5. **Check** the initiation ceremony in the ritual for which picture goes with each passage and make sure you have them placed accordingly
 6. **Picture** - Very lightly dot glue on each corner of the 5 X 8” index card. Position the picture and smooth it onto one side of the of index card
 7. **Note:** The glue is only holding the pictures and passages in place until they are laminated so very little glue is needed
 8. **Passage** - Very lightly dot glue on each corner of the index card. Position the passage so that it can be read easily and the picture is right side up, as it will be shown to the audience. Smooth it onto the back side of the index card.
 9. **Laminate** at a print shop, the finished pictures with the passages on the back
Note: You may find better pictures, feel free to use them and pass them on.

Kit is complete!

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: (Globe)

"Candidate (s), you see before you the Globe standing for the world. This part of the emblem tells you that under our flag, in all climes under all skies, in any part of the world where they are needed to protect this flag of ours or the interests of Americans, you have found and will always find the United States Marines. The winds of the world are in their faces and the salts of the seven seas. Land, Sea and Sky, these Marines of ours are there when and where needed."



JUDGE ADVOCATE: (Bald Eagle)

"You see at this station the bald eagle, which has long been the symbol of war and power, a true American bird, enfolding his wings of the world, typifying might, power and defiance, eager to fight for freedom, truly a symbol of the Marine Corps.



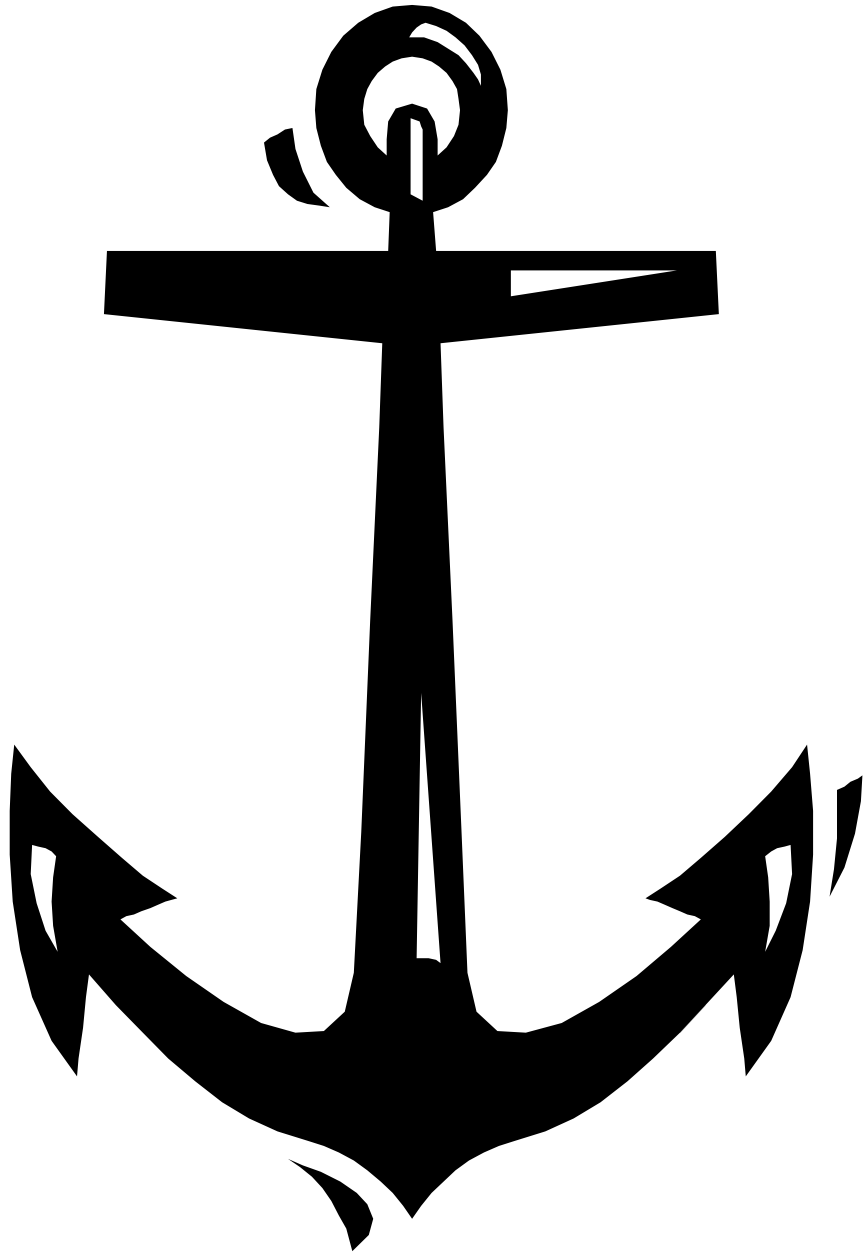
CHAPLAIN: (Star)

"Here you see the star, which is the symbol of hope, so truly connected with our colors, royal blue and gold, which, in our Auxiliary surrounds the Marine Corps Emblem. The star represents the heavenly guidance to our Marines, on which these lonely men on watch have gazed, in all climes, knowing that these same stars are shining down on loved ones back home."



THE HISTORIAN: (National Ensign)

"Before you, you see the Stars and Stripes, the symbol of Old Glory, for which these Marines have fought and died, the Flag of our Country, theirs, yours and mine, the Star Spangled Banner, always free - always standing for freedom and freedom's rights. Long may she wave and always must each of us be grateful that we have the right to live under this Flag, and please God, if necessary, to die for it. Let us live to be worthy citizens, recognizing that these stripes - red for heroes' blood, white for purity and blue for truth, honesty and sincerity - with the stars representing our States, mean, that we are a free people, under God's grace, and dedicate our lives to these principles of truth, honor and sincerity - keeping ourselves 'Always Faithful'."



JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: (Anchor)

"Here you find the anchor, which, in the Marine Corps emblem, with its entwining ropes typifies the association of the United States Navy. The anchor stands for security and steadfastness of the Marine Corps service on land and on sea, in time of emergencies or in trouble and in peace."