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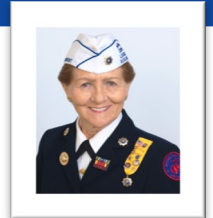
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National President Evelyn Joppa



**Merry Christmas! May joy fill your
homes with family and friends.
Blessing to all.**

On November 8th, I had the pleasure of attending the Marines Forever 244th Birthday Ball with my Marine Steve before heading to DC to meet PNP Karen Aune for the services at Arlington.

It was an honor to represent the Marine Corps League Auxiliary at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans' Day. The speech delivered by Vice President Pence was outstanding. Laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns with National Commandant Dennis Tobin and Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett (left) was a humbling experience to honor our veterans.

We attended the Catholic War Veterans Reception at Ft. Myers/Patton Hall (below). Clockwise from left: National Commandant Dennis Tobin, National President Evelyn Joppa, 58th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett, Karen Frances, Mike Frances, Barbara Vanner and PNP Karen Aune.



National President (con't)

As the end of 2019 nears, please consider the Auxiliary National Memorial Fund and the Operation Little Angel Program with donations. They will appreciate your offerings.

Plans for the new web site are progressing. I think you will be pleased with the finished product. Thank you for your patience.

Mid-Winter will be here soon. The Sheraton Norfolk Waterslide Hotel in Virginia is the host site. The conference will be held February 27-29. This is an opportunity to see your National Staff in action. Come and join us. The conference program book is a nice way to get the word out about your Unit or Department and to show your support. Please consider placing an ad.

There are many needs all year; however, the Holiday Season brings those needs to the forefront. Thank you for all you do for our active duty service men and women, veterans, and our communities. Please continue to keep all in need in thought and prayer.

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much! (Helen Keller)

Semper Fidelis— *Evelyn B. Joppa*

Place a Unit or
Department
ad in the
conference
program book!

CONFERENCES.... When is yours???

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Norfolk, VA - Feb 25 - March 1

for details and to register follow the link below:

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>

NATIONAL CONVENTION—Daytona Beach, FL - August 9-14

for details and to register follow the link below:

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

CENTRAL DIVISION: Louisville, KY April 2-4, 2020

Holiday Inn East 1325 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy
502-426-2600

SOUTHERN DIVISION: Tyler, TX March 20-21, 2020

Holiday Inn Conference Center 5701 South Broadway
903-561-5800 www.hitylertx.com

SR Vice President

This month I am going off grid and will be writing about something a bit more personal and near and dear to my heart.



Each year our Detachment hosts a Beirut Memorial Ceremony at Front & Dock Streets in Philadelphia. In all the years I have been participating in this ceremony, it has never rained until this year. I don't mean just a passing shower; I mean torrents of rain that just wouldn't let up. At 9:30 a.m., it appeared as if the only ones attending the ceremony this year would be the Guest Speaker, Col. Arthur Corbett USMC Retired, the Marine Corps Color Guard from MAG 49, three Marine Corps League Detachment color guards, a firing team of Marine Corps League members, three bagpipers and six Marine Corps League Auxiliary members. A few minutes later I was pleasantly surprised to see the area filling up with the family members of the Marines we were honoring, as well as members of the Leatherneck Motor Club who usually roar into the area on their bikes...but not today.

The order was given to post the colors, and the ceremony began just a few minutes late. As I stood there in the pouring rain listening to Col. Corbett talk about the sacrifice made by the nine Marines we were honoring from the Philadelphia area and the sacrifices made by their families, I thought about the dedication of not only the members of the Marine Corps League and motorcycle clubs, Marine Corps Color Guard, the bagpipers, and families who were sitting/standing out in the inclement weather, but also the dedication of the six auxiliary members who could have very easily looked out the window, pulled the covers up over their heads and rolled over for another hour's sleep. But – we didn't. We stood there in the rain and got soaked just like our Marines. I guess one could say on that rainy Sunday October morning we showed our own version of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I mentioned at the beginning of this article that it was personal and near and dear to my heart. The reason is that one of the Marines killed that fateful day 36 years ago was the son of a member of my Auxiliary Unit. I feel honored to know this Gold Star Mother and humbled when I am the one to place the flower in his memory at the monument. I am just sorry I did not have an opportunity to meet Cpl John Muffler or any of the eight other Marines and thank them personally for their service.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of my Auxiliary Sisters and their families a very HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President



*Open the
door to a
more
meaningful
chat...*

JR Vice President

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays - that is my wish for all of my Auxiliary Sisters.

People all over the world will say that so many times over the next few weeks or so, but what does it actually mean? According to an online source of Christmas customs, saying "Merry Christmas" comes from the West Country in England and it was first published in 1760. In the English language of the time, the phrase 'Rest You Merry' didn't mean simply to be happy; 'rest' meant "to keep, cause to continue to remain" and 'merry' could mean "pleasant, bountiful, prosperous". Alternatively, some may say "Happy Holidays" which can be heard from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

Furthermore, whatever you say to someone in a greeting may open the door to a more meaningful chat; it is polite to return the goodness shown in the spirit in which it was offered. A considerate, heartfelt response like "Thank you," "May your family be blessed" or "Good wishes" might be appreciated and may lead to a more engaging conversation. Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to look the person in the eye and engage them in a meaningful conversation. A couple of golden minutes thoughtfully shared between two people can be so fulfilling, especially during this time of year.



Perhaps you could tell them about projects or activities that your Unit is doing – are you preparing a holiday meal for nursing home residents or sending Christmas boxes to military members deployed overseas? You could share your enthusiasm and ask them if they have any family members deployed. You might hear them say something that would then lead you to ask if they have or have had a Marine in their family. If so, you could offer information about the benefits that you personally receive from belonging to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. If they are related to a Marine then an invitation to an event is a great recruiting tool. Is this a door worth opening? I believe it is.

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President

Judge Advocate

The Holidays are nearly upon us, the New Year is right around the corner, and many are looking to start 2020 with renewed vigor. December is a perfect month to evaluate the way in which our unit meetings are being conducted. Our National, Department, and Unit levels do an excellent job of outlining the way in which we should be conducting business with our body approved by-laws. However, some may overlook an equally important standard in the business and non-profit world in regards to how a business meeting should be conducted: Enter Robert's Rules of Order.

Robert's Rule of Order was first published in 1876 by U.S. Army officer Henry Martyn Robert. He adapted these rules from Congress so there is a common standard of running non-legislative societies. Some of these rules are very helpful when conducting business in the MCLA. Perhaps one of the most important "rule" refers to the instruction on how to record the minutes of the meeting appropriately. The meeting minutes are important both internally and externally as they document historical accuracy. The Secretary of an organization has an important task in recording the details of what happened in a meeting, and I hope the following points are found to be a useful reference for your Secretary, whether she be newly appointed or returning in her role.



- Meeting minutes should be concise; it is *not* suppose to be a transcription of who said what
- Minutes should document what was done in the meeting (motions, actions to be taken by special committees or officers, special committees that have a report)
- Minutes can be emailed to the membership prior to the meeting; however, any changes or corrections to the meeting's minutes should only be addressed during the meeting. This ensures if there are any discrepancies it is addressed and decided in front of the membership before approval of the minutes
- Any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during the meeting should be documented so the next month's agenda can be made accordingly
- Signature of the secretary & presiding officer should be on the bottom of the *approved* meeting minutes, along with the date of the approval
- It is recommended that a copy of the approved minutes, with signatures, be kept in the secretary files, treasurer files, and president files.
- Remember outside entities (IRS, financial institutions, and auditors) may refer to these minutes to ensure the membership has approved expenditures, bank account signature changes, or loan changes. Therefore, accuracy in this area is pertinent.
- Minutes should be organized in the same manner the meeting was conducted, using the President's agenda as sort of template is very useful, and helps ensure the conciseness of the minutes

Judge Advocate con't

As the New Year is upon us, it is my hope that you evaluate the accuracy and conciseness of your meeting minutes. Remember that the secretary has a most valuable job in record keeping and it can be a time-consuming task. I do hope that with the above points, she may find her job a little easier. Enjoy this time of celebration with your family, friends, and MCLA sisters. Embrace in the spirit of giving, the spirit of grace, and the spirit of patriotism that unites us all in servitude to our Marines, their families, and our veterans.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless You, your Units, and your endeavors this coming year.

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate

How does your unit:

- Attract members?
- Announce events?
- Celebrate milestones?

Share your information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...

We want to hear from you!

Send me an email





JANE BARAN * 6/23/2019 No address for condolences. Life member at large from Ohio.

MARY ANN RAYSICK * 11/13/2019 Riverview Unit #1226, Florida...
Condolences to: Walter Raysick, 223 Bon Vie Place, Valrico, FL. 33594.

**ALMIGHTY AND
MERCIFUL GOD,
WE REMEMBER
THIS MOMENT
OUR DEPARTED
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS. WE
RECALL WITH
REVERANCE THE
GOOD DEEDS
THEY
ACCOMPLISHED,
WE HONOR
THEM WITH OUR
LOVE AND
FRIENDSHIP..**

Susan Douglas from the Dept of Washington lost her significant other Paul this past month. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 16805 E Broadway, Spokane, WA. 99037. Cards may also be sent to Paul's family: Cindy Blew, Bill Schaefer and family, 16715 E Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA. 99037.

A new Nebraska member had a severe skin infection and was hospitalized. Prayers were requested for Stephanie Salyer.

PNC Richard Gore has been having a series of health issues that have kept him in and out of the hospital. Cards of cheer for both he and Brigid may be sent to: 103 Beneventum Rd. Georgetown, SC. 29440.

Dept of Missouri member and South St. Louis member, Ellie Sopp lost her husband, Dick on Oct. 11th. Cards of condolence may be sent to Ellie at: 15144 Chamisal Drive, Chesterfield, MO. 63017-7700.

Janice Hartley, St Charles Mo member, lost her husband, Jim suddenly this past month. Cards of condolence may be sent to Janice at 26 Jody Drive, St Peters, MO 63376.

Mrs. Pat Buckley lost her husband Retired Marine Colonel John Buckley on Oct. 18th. Cards of condolence may be sent to Pat at: 6314 S Albany Ave. Chicago, IL 60629.

Adrienne Steinke from the Dept of Missouri lost her son Robert on Oct. 11th. Cards may be mailed to: 727 South Laclede Station Road, #103 Webster Grove, MO 63119.

Midwest Assistant Division Vice, Julie Jirovsky, had surgery on her ankle. Cards of cheer for Julie: 631 W 16th Street, Wahoo, NE. 68066.



Respectfully Submitted, PNP Barbara Nobile,
National Chaplain pnpbarbmcla@yahoo.com

From The Office

Transmittals need to be in by DEC 31st to be counted as members for the report given at the conference in February.



Membership is past due for fiscal year 2020, please get those transmittals in to your Department (or to HQ if no Department) as soon as you receive them. Department Treasurers please send in any transmittals you have asap. Thanks so much! As always—call if you have questions. —Karen

BONDS ...

Paid as of Oct 31st

Units 71

Departments 10

TRANSMITTALS... Things are slowing down here at HQ

We have 81 new Members, 14 new Associate Members and 26 new Life Members!

We currently have members 1723 renewed for 2019-2020;

of those 868 are Life Members.

SHIP STORE ...

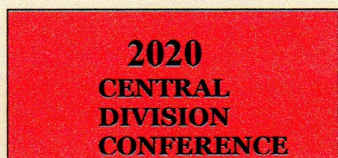
The Website should be up soon! Don't forget you can order items anytime by email. We have a catalog if you would like one just let me know.

Did you know we offer a discount on certificates if you order them in sets of 25? 20% off!!! If your unit doesn't need that many, talk to your Department, maybe they would be willing to buy them and share the discount with smaller units.

It's not too late to buy items for Christmas—we have earrings, water bottles, RFID credit card wallets, polo shirts, car magnets, stickers, and much more.

The Store is always searching for new useful items for our members. If you have an idea please let one of the committee members or HQ know.

Central Division Conference



**MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE**
APRIL 2-4, 2020
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222
HOLIDAY INN EAST
1325 S.HURSTBOURNE PKWY
TEL:1-502-426-2600

**KING ROOM
RATES: \$99+TAX W/O
BREAKFAST
(MENTION MCL
CONFERENCE)**



Registration:

Name: _____

Detach./ Dept: _____

Title: _____

Other Attendee: _____

Registration Fees

Reg Fee: \$10.00 = _____

Hospitality Rm Fee: \$15.00 = _____

Banquet: \$35.00 = _____

Banquet:

London Broil _____

Borsini Stuffed Chicken _____

Vegan _____

Attire: Semi formal, MCL Casual Uniform,
or Mess Dress)

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melbcross33@gmail.com. The Deadline for
registration and ad requests is March 10,
2020.

Front and back in full Color

Inside Front Cover \$200 _____

Outside of Back Cover \$200 _____

Inside of Back Cover \$175 _____

**Interior pages will all be Black and
white**

Full Page \$100 _____

Half Page \$50 _____

Quarter Page \$30 _____

1/8th page \$20 _____

Calling Card \$15 _____

**Total Amount due
for Registration and**

Ad Fees: \$ _____

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occupancy rooms are available @ \$149
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Complete form, include check in total amount
and make out to **Kentuckiana Detachment 729,
MCL** (Note: 2020 Cent. Div. Conf.)

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Ad submissions require immediate attention as
time is of essence. Please book your rooms and
place your ads Now!



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MAY YOU BE FILLED WITH
THE WONDER OF MARY,
THE OBEDIENCE OF JOSPEH,
THE JOY OF THE ANGELS,
THE EAGERNESS OF THE SHEPHERDS,
THE DETERMINATION OF THE MAGI,
AND THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST CHILD. ALMIGHTY FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,
BLESS ALL OUR MCLA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES, NOW AND FOREVER.

Please keep all in your prayers who are suffering
unknown to us.





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