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From the Desk of the National President

As I write this, we have at least eight inches of snow on the ground, and it continues to fall. This is the biggest snowfall we have had in years in west central Illinois. It's a good afternoon to work on Auxiliary business!

I am so pleased and honored to have just signed my first Charter as your National President. Welcome and congratulations to the PFC Boyd A Lewis Unit in Utah! We look forward to meeting their members and wish them every future success in serving our veterans and their community.

With the Mid-Winter Conference only a few weeks away, I hope that you have made your flight or driving plans, secured your hotel reservations, and completed and submitted the registration form along with an ad for the program book. The deadline is February 8 for everything. There is a link to the registration form on our website: www.nationalmcla.org.

The Pre-Conference Board Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday with the Hospitality Room open at 8:00 p.m. that evening. Please plan to rise early on Friday morning to attend the Presidents Council meeting at 7:45 a.m. Also, you are encouraged to be in attendance at the Joint Opening Session, Memorial Service, and Chapel of Four Chaplains which will all take place on Friday morning before our meetings begin. On Friday evening, I hope that you will join me for a fun evening at the Mardi Gras party. And, of course, the conference culminates with the Grand Banquet on Saturday evening. Please make time to visit our Ship's Store for all of your MCLA wants and needs. It should be a fun and informational weekend for everyone!

If you have not yet made plans to attend your Division Conference, I encourage you to do so. There is so much that we can all share and learn at these events, and it is a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and see what other units and departments do to serve our Marines, all veterans, and their communities.

Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for all that you do throughout the year!

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." -- Gen. James H. Doolittle

Semper Fidelis,
Carol Smith
Carol Smith



3 Things.....

Without you, the member, there is no Units of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. There are 3 things each one of you are encouraged to do:

1. Attend monthly meetings;
 2. Recruit New Members & renew current Members;
 3. Volunteer
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Division Conferences:

Calling all Division Vice President's: Send in the Dates of when you're Division Conference to be listed here.

Central Division 2019 Convention

Dates: March 21st ~
March 24th Central
Division Conference

Place: Holiday Inn,
Rock Island Hotel &
Conference Center
226-17th Street, Rock
Island, IL

SOUTHERN DIVISION CONVENTION

MAR 21-24, 2019
LAWTON, OK
HOTEL INFO:
HILTON GARDEN INN
135 NW 2ND ST
1-580-280-2100

2019 Rocky Mountain Division Conference

Hotel: DoubleTree by
Hilton Greeley at Lincoln
Park

From the Desk of the National Sr Vice President

Ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary,

The week of February 14 is National Salute to Veteran Patients. I hope your Auxiliary has plans to join this salute at your local VA Center. The purpose is to Pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans, increase community awareness of the role of the VA Center and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become volunteers. This is also an opportunity for me to thank the many dedicated Marine Corps League Auxiliary Volunteers, who give of their time and energy to our veterans all year. THANK YOU!

Time is short for the Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you have made your reservations and will be joining us, at the Hospitality House and Conference Center, Fredericksburg, VA. February 28 - March 2. We look forward to continued success in serving our marines, veterans, and our communities with our Auxiliary Departments and Units.

Among my responsibilities is to chair the Department Presidents Council Meeting to be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:45 a. m. which will be held in the Auxiliary Meeting room. All Department and Unit Presidents or their representatives are encouraged to attend. The meeting is also open to any member who wishes to participate and aspires to hold a leadership position. We will be sharing many ideas with one another that you can take back to your local Departments and Units. If there is a specific topic that you want addressed, please let me know.

It is my pleasure to host the traditional breakfast in honor of our National President, Carol Smith. This will take place March 2, 2019 at 7:32 a. m. As we did last year, in order to take advantage of the free breakfast coupons, we will serve our plates from the buffet in the restaurant and take them to the meeting room. This is an opportunity to greet our president in a relaxed atmosphere and thank her for all the hard work she does on the behalf of the organization, as well as to take time to enjoy each other's company. I hope all will join me in honoring our outstanding president at her breakfast.

Please do not wear your cover to either of these two events.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B Joppa
National Sr Vice President

From the Desk of the National Jr Vice President

It seems like only yesterday I was writing my January article while putting **up** my Christmas decorations, and now I'm writing my February article while

City: Greeley, CO
Date: 03-May to 05-May-2019

Booking Link:
<http://group.doubletree.com/US-MarineCorpsLeague>

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

National MCLA Website:
www.nationalmcla.org

National MODD Fleas Website:
www.nationalmoddfleas.org

National Marine Corps League:
www.mclnational.org/



taking **down** my decorations. The stores are way ahead of me, as the Valentine cards, decorations and candy were being put on the shelves as the Christmas cards, decorations and candy were being removed. Just the other day I noticed our Community Center had posted the phone number for summer camp registration. The start of daylight savings time is only 64 days away, and the first day of spring is 75 days away. Where does the time go?

I have no membership numbers to share with you this month, as I am awaiting the December 31, 2018, numbers from our National Secretary so I can prepare my report for the Mid-Winter Conference. I would, however, like to ask the Division Vice Presidents to review their numbers and, if necessary, check them with the Department or Unit Treasurer. If there is a discrepancy when the report is distributed, they can be sent to Karen so she can review her records and make the necessary corrections to her records.

Two final items: First, how is the new unit cover sheet working for you? If you are having problems or have suggestions, be sure to share them with your Division Vice President. Remember, she is your voice at the Mid-Winter Conference. Second, if you are ending your term as the unit or department treasurer, please be sure to share your knowledge and expertise with your successor, and while you're at it, it wouldn't hurt for someone else in the unit or department to learn the transmittal process as well. You never know when someone else might need to step in so things do not fall through the cracks.

One quick word about the 990's. Remember when you file your 990 you file as the Marine Corps League doing business as your unit or department name. I will be preparing a report for each Division Vice President showing who has filed; the units whose status has been revoked; and those units who are using a number that is not recognized by the IRS.

Until next month...Happy Valentine's Day, and please remember a veteran on Valentine's Day with a card of thanks.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Junior Vice President

Linda Chamberlain

From the Desk of the National Judge Advocate

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

February, lovely February - the shortest month of the year.

There is still plenty of time to peruse your National, Department and Unit Bylaws to see what changes your members may want to make. This is also time to put your name in to hold an elected or appointed office. Do you want to help your organization? Do you want to help make changes? Do you want to make more of a difference? If so, then you should consider putting your name in for a National,

Division, Department or Unit office. Don't wait for someone to ask you to hold an office, you know your abilities and yes, you can do it!

National Bylaws, Article Five, Units, Section 510 – Officers.

(A) Each Unit must elect a President, a Senior Vice President, a Junior Vice President and a Judge Advocate. The Unit shall elect or appoint a Chaplain, Guard, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as necessary. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Elected officers of President and Judge Advocate may not hold two elected offices and may not hold the elected or appointed office of Secretary or Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer.

When you are examining your own Department and Unit Bylaws make sure you are complying with the National Bylaws. The appointed positions are a wonderful place that our valuable Associate Members can serve as officers – it all depends on how your own Bylaws are written. If you have any questions please ask.

Stay safe and warm.

Dotty Sanning

National Judge Advocate

From the Desk of the MODD Fleas Madam Big Flea

From a Warm Spot on the Back of a Devil Dog -

Fleas, we get to see each other at the Mid-Winter Conference!! Woo-hoo!! Who are the Flea officers? Well, let me take this flea-picking time to remind you:

Madame Big Flea Dotty Sanning
Little Flea Evelyn Joppa
Scrappy Flea Elaine Schieffer
Police Flea Susan Douglas
Waggy Flea Holly Price
Trusty Flea #1 Linda Chamberlain
Trusty Flea #3 Debbie Evans
Scratchy Flea Tracey Killinger

Medium Flea Joyce Brickett
Smart Flea Dorcas Simpson
Holy Flea Marty Kline
Studios Flea Judy Blackmer
No Name Flea Vickie Brown
Trusty Flea #2 Viola Trevino
Trusty Flea #4 Antonia Hurtado
Shopper Flea Darlene McCubbin

Do you know what your responsibilities are?

Semper Mordendi,
Dotty Sanning
Madame Big Flea



Programs of Pride

General Smedley D. Butler Unit
Newtown Square, PA

Our auxiliary visits the Mary E. Walker House at the Coatesville VA Facility each December with very large bags of goodies for the homeless women veterans who are housed there. They can house to 30 women there at one time. These bags contain many, many things that our female veterans can use throughout the year including: canteen books, Wawa gift cards, postage stamps, hand knitted hats and scarves, tee shirts, sweat shirts and pants, socks, shampoo, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.



Robin Sheeran, Rosemarie Fusto, Peg Walz, Polly Bush, Evelyn Brimble and Sissy Hudson

Submitted by:
Evelyn Brimble, President
General Smedley D. Butler Unit
Newtown Square, PA

From the Desk of the Central Division Vice President

Membership in the MCLA should be filled with passion and commitment, passion for our Veterans and a personal commitment to our membership. Commitment is something that can mean different things and may be different for each individual. Perhaps there is a member who can only commit to attending one event annually, while others attend every event, either way, they are committing to do "something" and that is appreciated.

We must all remember that in order for our Auxiliary to continue to grow and do the things we do for our Veterans and Communities we need to envelop all members and their ability to commit whether very active, somewhat active or homebound. There is a need to address all members with the understanding and gratitude of their time and NOT be judgmental about what they can or cannot do. In addition, we need to be welcoming and adjust our attitudes to encourage participation, however, big or small it may be. If we, as individual members do not make an effort to welcome others and their commitments, we all lose.

As times change and our members age out - we must also realize that in order for the MCLA to continue, we have to strive to encourage new memberships while continuing to nourish current memberships. As this new year unfolds I encourage all of us to commit to supporting current members or including potential members in your next Unit event. We cannot GROW if we don't mentor each other.

Do you have the determination to commit to helping others share YOUR passion?

Mary Brief
Central Division Vice President

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MARY JO SHANKLIN * 9/09/2018 OHR Unit, TN. Condolences to: Mary Le Grand, 1426 Reuban Drive, Cleveland, TN. 37312.

LOIS LILLIAN ADKINS * 11/07/2018 Dekalb Unit, IL. Condolences to: Marcia Nelson, 924 Foxpointe Dr., Sycamore, IL. 60178.

ELIZABETH BUNCE * 12/18/2018 Smedley D Butler Unit, PA. Condolences to: Scott Bunce, 3405 Westchester Pike, Apt 201 A, Newtown Square, PA. 19073.

EVELYN GAY * 12/22/2018 Barefoot Bay Unit, FL. Condolences to: daughter, Grace Heusinkveld, 1584 Gardner Dr. Melbourne, FL. 32935.

LET GOD'S DEEP LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING HELP YOU IN YOUR GRIEF. FOR HIS IS THERE TO EASE THE PAIN AND BRING YOUR SUFFERING HEART RELIEF.

Sauk Valley Unit member Tracey Pillars lost her mother in law right before Christmas. Condolences may be sent to Marine husband and Tracey at: 1107 9th Street, Rock Falls, IL. 61071.

Dottie Habben lost her son unexpectedly before the Holiday season. He was a very large part of her life and could use our cards of encouragement. 18791 Felton Rd. Morrison, IL, 61270.

The Villages, Florida, member, Miriam Backes lost her husband, William January 2, 2019. Her husband had battled cancer for some time. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at" 1705 SW 157 Place Road, Ocala, FL. 34473-8885.

All Divisions Unit in PA, Christina Kealey, lost her sister in law Denise. She had suffered from ALS. Cards may be sent to Christina at: 164 Upland Ave. Horsham, PA 19044-2713.

YOU ARE MY MASTERPIECE- UNDER CONSTRUCTION.BE TOTALLY CONFIDENT. I HAVE BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PERFECT YOU UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS. CHARM IS DECEPTIVE AND BEAUTY IS FLEETING..... BUT A WOMAN FEARS ME IS TO BE PRAISED. YOUR ROCK OF AGES.

PHILLIPIANS 1:6 ISAIAH 26:4 PROVERBS 31:30

BLESSINGS TO ALL- NATIONAL MCLA CHAPLAIN ,PNP BARBARA NOBILE

News from West Hudson MCLA Unit

On Friday, January 11th, Susan Doosey received the 2019 New Jersey Governor's Educators Award. Susan Doosey is an Associate Member in the MCLA West Hudson Unit. She is a Special Education Teacher at Highland Park High School, located in Highland Park New Jersey. Susan was also the recipient of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award in 2016.



Susan Doosey



New items at Mid-Winter ! MCLA Royal Blue Polos and Jackets! We also have EGA earrings, MCLA water bottles, MCLA sling bags and MCLA notecards!

MCLA Flag Desk Sets are an inexpensive way to have the MCLA flag at every meeting!

Stop by the store and shop our entire inventory!

Store orders will be on hold from February 15th through March 13th. Orders placed for Mid-winter pickup will be processed, Jacket or Cover only orders will also be processed.

The office will be closed March 5th – 12th (Karen will be out of town)

Happy
Valentines
Day

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Upcoming Events

Mid-Winter Conference - February 28 – March 2, 2019
Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center
2801 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg VA 22401 Phone: (540)
786-8321 \$99.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

2019 National Convention – August 4th – August 9th,
2019 Billings, Montana. Visit
<https://www.mclnationalconvention2019.com/index.php>
for more information

MCLA JACKETS!



These fabulous jackets will be available at the Mid-Winter Convention
- embroidered with a colored MCLA logo (on the front left)!

You can PRE-ORDER yours NOW!

Have a friend pick it up or have it shipped to you.

Available in sizes M – 4XL for \$55 each

- 100% polyester tricot
- Soft brushed backing
- Cadet collar
- Side zippered pockets
- Open hem with drawstring cords
- Sizes run true/ it is slightly contoured



Complete the form below and send to HQ to reserve your jacket today!

MCLA Jacket order form.

**Pick your size and send with payment of \$55 to HQ
by *February 15th* for pickup at Mid-Winter.**



_____ Medium (8/10)	Name _____
_____ Large (12/14)	Address _____
_____ X Large (16/18)	City _____
_____ 2 XL (20/22)	State/Zip _____
_____ 3 XL (24/26)	Phone _____
_____ 4 XL (28/30)	Credit Card # _____
	EXP Date _____ CCV _____

_____ **Picking up at Mid-Winter**

_____ **Please ship mine for special reduced rate of \$7 with this form.**

Email to MCLAHQ@NationalMCLA.org

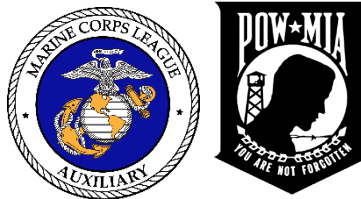
Or Mail to MCLA Headquarters, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554



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Stafford, VA 22554-7771

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