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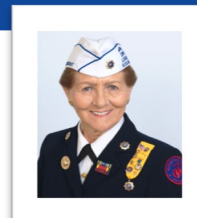
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## National President Evelyn Joppa



**Happy 244<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the United States Marine Corps and Happy Veterans Day to all our wonderful veterans and active duty service men and women!**

### *Greetings Ladies!*

This is a great time of the year to celebrate with our veterans and thank them for our freedom. Every day is a good day to express our thanks to active duty service men and women. I hope each of you can attend a Marine Birthday Ball in your area to celebrate with our Marines.

It was my pleasure to attend the Dept of Florida Fall conference held

in Melbourne Florida. One of the highlights was Gayle Heath receiving the Chapel of Four Chaplains' Legion of Honor Award. Pictured is Gayle greeting the

National Flea of the year Rogene Hackbarth. Gayle is the Dept. Big Flea.



Maj Michael S Curtin Unit invited several to celebrate with Marine Eddie Bruno in Zephyrhills, FL. on Oct 12, his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pictured is Dept of Florida Commandant Frank Glassford, Proud Marine Eddie Bruno, and Eve Joppa.



This is a great time of the year to consider donations to the Memorial Fund Committee. Remember this fund helps veterans and their families in need as well as remembering those precious members and family who have passed to their greater reward.

## National President (con't)

Another project that needs our thoughts and prayers as well as donations is our National Headquarters Project. New ideas for supporting this project are presently being considered.

I am pleased and honored that PNP Karen Aune will accompany me to attend the National Veterans' Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. I hope that each of you are able to attend a Veterans' Day ceremony wherever you are.

The speaker system needed for Mid-Winter and the National Convention has been ordered and received. We want to take this time to thank the Past National Presidents for their generous donation to this needed equipment. Our cost was reduced substantially.



Our brochure "What is the Marine Corps League Auxiliary?" has a new look, thanks to our Forms Chair Marti Kline and National Secretary Karen Grady. The applications for membership have been included. Thank you, ladies. See the new refreshed look attached to this newsletter.

The new website is under construction. As of this date the old site is still up and running. No new bylaws or enclosures are posted. These will be posted on the new site when it is completed. Please be patient.

Enjoy the coming holiday. Happy Thanksgiving Day! Be well and safe. Please continue to keep our members in need in thought and prayer, and, remember, every day is a good day to recruit!

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

Semper Fi,

*Evelyn B Joppa*

National President

### THINGS TO KNOW:

Life Member Checks are being processed. Department checks have been written and are on their way. Unit checks should be on their way by the time you receive this newsletter. Checks are valid for 90 days. If there are any questions please contact Karen at Headquarters.

# SR Vice President

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## IRS – It's Reporting Season!!!

'Tis the season (no, not that season), although for some it may seem that way, but the season to file your 990. Remember your 2018 filing is due to the IRS by November 15, 2019. For those of you still operating on a calendar year (and there are only a few) you should have filed your 990 for 2018 by May 15, 2019. Remember it is never too late to file – there are no penalties for late filing, but you will lose your not-for-profit status if you do not file a 990 for three consecutive years. It is better to file late than not to file at all.

During the past month I have had several phone conversations with the IRS in an attempt to rectify some of the issues our units are experiencing.

One of the issues discussed with the IRS was the inability of some units to file their 990. There have been issues on the IRS side with getting units added to the MCL parent list, thus your inability to file your 990. I know this is frustrating, and for some it had been a problem for a long time, but please be patient. We are doing our best to rectify this problem.

No unit and, I repeat, NO UNIT should be completing an IRS 1024A form. This form would only be used if you did not want to be a part of the Marine Corps Group Exemption. If you are being told to complete this form by the IRS, please contact me via email.

If you find it necessary to apply for a new EIN number, it is better to apply using IRS Form SS4 and mailing it rather than applying for your number online. The online form does not allow you to insert the Group Exemption number. Remember, we are a 501(c)4 organization, not a 501(c)3.

Please know that our National Secretary, Karen Grady, and I are working together to rectify the issues our Auxiliary members are experiencing with the IRS. Please do not hesitate to contact either Karen or me via email with any problems or issues. We can't help fix the problem if we don't know one exists.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and ask each of you to remember those protecting our freedoms and our veterans in nursing homes who will not be spending Thanksgiving with family and friends this year.

Semper Fidelis

*Linda S. Chamberlain*  
National Senior Vice President



## Congratulations.....to the newest members of the newest unit!

The PNP Norma A Liner MCLA Unit received their charter on October 24th in Louisiana. National President Evelyn Joppa and Southeast Division Vice President Carol Mazzara led the ceremony.

# JR Vice President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marines, and thank you for your service.

This is such a wonderful busy month for our entire Marine family as we finish up Fall Conferences and complete the plans for the USMC Birthday celebrations. Along with your own celebrations this may be a perfect time to reach out to those Marines and Auxiliary sisters that you have not seen in a while. Remember, there are a lot of our Auxiliary sisters whose Marine has gone before her or lives far away who may appreciate an invitation to get together for this celebratory time.

As I contemplate this article I am looking at two five-gallon buckets of pears, picked off a neighbor's pear tree. I have been researching different recipes to use these pears – pear bread, pear butter, pear cake, pear tart – you get the idea.

The new pear recipes led me to think about new and current Unit members. When you recruit a new member do you immediately recognize their possibilities? Similarly, do you take frequent occasions to look at your own? Does she have a new idea that would sell great at a craft fair to help raise funds for charities? Could you bake a batch of cookies (or pear bread) to send in a Christmas stocking to a veteran? If your new member is homebound, would she like to call other members who have been absent from meetings? Could you call an absent member to offer them a ride to the next meeting? How might they want to use their passions and talents to help nurture the bond of comradeship that we are famous for?

Be sure to consider talents and interests when helping new members find and develop a good fit in the Unit as well as your own evolving interests. We absolutely do want to help new members become involved in Unit activities as soon as possible – she joined for a reason. Think of ways to help them discover what they would like to try. Offer them an opportunity to develop as your Unit continues to grow. Keep in mind that some people are comfortable reading out loud or standing up in front of a crowd while others are not. Some people can sew or knit while others cannot. Equally important is your own personal growth and development. Perhaps you would like to try a different leadership position within your Unit, Department, Division or on a National level. Finally, listen carefully to all members to discover that special passion or talent that everyone brings to our organization.

Just like a bucket of pears and a recipe search. You have the basic ingredients to make something fabulous!

*Dotty Sanning*

Junior Vice President

**Pears and  
MCLA  
members...  
do you  
recognize  
their many  
possibilities**

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!

## Conferences... When is yours?

### SOUTHERN DIVISION:

March 20-21, 2020

Tyler, Texas  
Holiday Inn Conference Center  
5701 South Broadway  
903-561-5800  
[www.hitylertx.com](http://www.hitylertx.com)

### CENTRAL DIVISION:

April 2-4, 2020

Louisville, Ky  
Holiday Inn East  
1325 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy  
502-426-2600  
see flyer



# Judge Advocate

November is a month of celebrations and giving thanks, as it is marked with not only family gatherings, but patriotic gatherings as well.

November 10<sup>th</sup> many of us will be celebrating the Two Hundred Forty Fourth birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the most loyal, feared, revered, and professional fighting force the world has ever known.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day, (the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending WWI) to recognize and thank our American soldiers for their service. This day was declared a National Holiday in 1938 and in 1954 the name was changed to Veteran's Day to honor all American Veterans. Therefore, we take this day to commemorate and celebrate the brave, loyal, and selfless American soldiers and their families for giving us the opportunity to live freely in this great country.

These two events that we attend in November gives us the opportunity to proudly display the respect we carry in our hearts for our Veterans and our Flag. There are times when we are to salute and times to cover our heart with our hand, and this can be especially confusing for newer members, visitors, or members who have been absent at functions.

(con't next column)

Semper Fidelis,  
**Mary Brief**  
National Judge Advocate

*The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation~George Washington~*



As outlined in our Ritual there are two different ways

(1) **Hand Salute**- Raise the right hand until tip of forefinger touches the lower part of forehead above the right eye, thumb and fingers extended and joined, arm and elbow in line with shoulder, hand and wrist straight, drop the arm quickly to the side in a snappy military salute.

(2) **Heart Salute** – Raise right hand, place flat over heart, fingers together; drop quickly as above.

**During the ceremony** of hoisting and lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in parade or review or when Colors are posted or retired at assemblies:

- Those present in Auxiliary uniforms shall render the military salute as stated in (1).
- Members who are not in Auxiliary uniform shall use the heart salute (2).
- Members in Auxiliary caps with a MCLA logo, collared shirt and nice slacks or skirt are now considered in full uniform and can use the hand salute (1)
- The Auxiliary Flag Bearers while holding the Flags, or the Chaplain while attending at the Altar, never salute.

Please try to familiarize yourself with the two different salutes to our Flag so that you are not only showing proper respect, but also to help guide those who may not know the appropriate action at the function they are attending. Not only will this help ease any discomfort of a guest or newer member, but you can also feel confident that you are giving the men and women who have bravely fought for those colors to fly in this great Nation our utmost respect as well.

**Feisty Fleas  
and Daytona  
Beach 2020**



# **Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas**

Hello to all Feisty Fleas,

We had a wonderful Supreme Scratch in Billings, Montana at the National Convention thanks to Past Madam Big Flea Dottie Sanning and her team. There were many creative outfits and this adds so much to the flea frivolity.

And now it is time to say good-bye to that 2018-2019 team. But first I want to thank them all for their efforts and successful term and for a flea fabulous year. It is also time for me to introduce myself. I have faithfully climbed the fun flight of steps to the top to become Madam Big Flea for 2019-2020.

My flea theme for this term is going to be anything military...so think MASH, Beatle Bailey, Rosie the Riveter, G.I. Joe (or Jane) or any character that suits your flea fancy.

We have an excellent team working together to fix us up with a fine Scratch at Daytona Beach in 2020. I hope everyone has made their reservations by going to the National MCL website.

Those Fleas that were present at our Scratch in Billings and who will be moving up if present at Daytona Beach are...

Madam Big Flea: Joyce Brickett

Medium Flea: Evelyn Joppa

Little Flea: Susan Douglas

Smart Flea: Vickie Brown

Scrappy Flea: Viola Trevino

Holy Flea: Marti Kline

Police Flea: Toni Hurtado

Studios Flea: Julie Jirovski

Waggy Flea: Mitzi Abeyta

No Name Flea: Jan Crow

Trusty Flea #1: Leona Rowley

Trusty Flea #2: Deborah Stone

Trusty Flea #3: Debby Krueger

Scratchy Flea: Twila Gensel

Assistant Flea: Tracey Killinger

Shopper Flea: Darlene MacCubbin

**A Big shout out congratulations to our  
current Flea of the Year:**

**Rogene Hackbarth**

*So in good faith, praise, acts of kindness  
and in merriment, frivolity and good  
clean fun...*

Sincerely,

Madam Big Flea, Joyce Brickett

## From Tar Heel MCLA in NC



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who made the "Sacrifices" of "Time, Travel, Talents along with Moral, Physical, Monetary and Spiritual Support" to join Tar Heel Unit 733 MCLA for their incredible milestone of our "1st" year in North Carolina!

THANK YOU MEMBERS, for your willingness to ADAPT to something NEW; CONQUER obstacles that came our way & OVERCOME challenges that naturally come with "BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING & MAINTAINING! We will 'continually' add Passion to our Purpose, and I believe we will experience Unlimited Possibilities with concerted, collective efforts, life-long learning, advocacy daily remembering WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO DO!

Our "2nd Year" in the state with the "2nd Largest Marine Corps Base in the United States", we will execute our MISSION: to passionately support each other as we serve our Marines, their families, our communities and ALL Veterans--Citius, Altius & Fortius (Swifter, Higher, Stronger) pressing forward forgetting those things behind as we elevate each other, focus on Excellence remaining RESILIENT, GRATEFUL & FOCUSED!

So, welcome year # 2 & THANK YOU so very much for the perfect gifts---you know "your President" well! — Pamela P. Thomas , Tar Heels President

## From Springhill MCLA in Florida

It is with great pleasure and honor for the members of the Springhill Unit 137, to acknowledge Evelyn Joppa as the new National President. Evelyn is a member of our unit which makes this a win-win. The members gave Evelyn a congratulatory luncheon on Sunday October 13th @2pm at the Detachment 708 on Sunshine Grove Rd in Brooksville, FL.

The members are always working on fundraisers for both the Auxiliary and Detachment. We are getting ready of course for our Marine Corps Ball on Nov. 10th. After this, we are working together with the Detachment to put together a tremendous Christmas Party for all volunteers, workers and members and their families. What a great way to welcome the holidays & Santa.

We are always striving to recruit new members by way of our fund raisers, the Rose Program where we see many people who donate. We always have applications available no matter where we go and what we are doing.

This could not be accomplished without the hard working ladies of the Auxiliary, and without their spirit and commitment.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Semper Fi,  
*Mildred Bernier,*  
Auxiliary President, Unit 137, Springhill, FL



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

Prayers were needed and requested for the following members this past month.

Member, Judy Blackmer, had reconstructive surgery this past month and is doing very well. Cards of encouragement may be mailed to her at: 4530 W Marquette Rd. Chicago, IL, 60629.

Mourning the sudden passing of her dear husband, Tom, is Syd Minchin. Cards of condolence for Syd and family: 304 Sarhelm Rd. Harrisburg, PA. 17112-3342. Tom was a devoted MCL member who supported the MCLA in every way.

Also mourning the passing of her beloved husband is Landis McCleaf member, Pat Bulger. Her Marine Rod passed this past month also. Her address is: 77 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fayetteville, PA, 17222

CJ New, Hubby of Marilyn Kitchen New was in the hospital with pneumonia. He is home now but still having some health issues as is Marilyn. Please keep these two great folks in your prayers. Cards of cheer for both: 53 Muirfield Pt. Court, Saint Charles, MO, 63304-0412.

National Jr. Vice, Dotty Sanning could use our prayers as she works through health issues with her mom.

Prayers were requested for the mom of member, Sandy Van Tol. Her 88 year old mom, Jeanette, who is in a rehab facility following surgery and has been slow to heal. Cards of encouragement could be sent Jeanette Kaczmarek C/O Sandy Van Tol, 3433 Fairway Drive, Bay City, MI. 48706-3375.

Morris Dixon Unit in Florida member, Michelle Burghardt lost her brother, George. Cards of condolence may be sent to: PO Box 1434, Elfers, FL. 34680-1434.

Katie Shaw, President of the Michael S Curtin Unit lost her mother. Cards to: 401033 Faux Rd. Zephyrhills, FL. 33540-7241.

DIANE JUDE \* 2/15/2019 Spring Hill Unit, FL. Family address- 528 Fieldstone Lane, Spring Hill, FL. 34606-5204.

PATRICIA M. KIERNAN \* 6/26/2019 Keystone Headquarters Unit, PA, No address for cards.

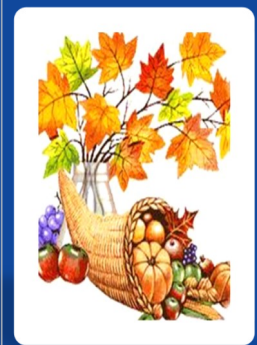
PATRCIA MENSACK \* 7/30/2019 General Smedley D Butler Unit, PA. Cards to daughter, Mrs. Russ Philipp, 4 Colton Drive, Cochranville, PA 19330.

JOAN ALLISON \* 8/31/2019 Winnebago Unit, cards to: Mike Allison, her son, 5031 Rivermoor Dr. Omro, WI. 54963.

SHIRLEY J. RYAN \* Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough Unit, MO. No address for cards.

EMILY STEVENS \* 9/21/2019 Flint Unit, MI. cards to: George Stevens, G6036 Flushing Rd. Flushing, MI.

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



## From The Office



**The office will be closed from November 13 through November 27th. I will still check emails but the phone will be forwarded to a board member.**

### BONDS ...

Paid as of Oct 31st

Units 68

Departments 10

TRANSMITTALS... Thanks for keeping me busy here at HQ!

We have 74 new Members, 13 new Associate Members and 26 new Life Members!

We currently have members 1677 renewed for 2019-2020;  
of those 821 are Life Members.

### SHIP STORE ...

We do have a catalog, if you would like a copy, please let HQ know. We are hopeful to have it on the website soon.

If you haven't heard about our Flash Drives, check this out: They are 16GB and come pre-loaded with many of the forms you might need for MCLA and yet leaves you 14 GB of space for files!

Preloaded are Application Forms, ByLaws, Fillable Forms (Bond, Cover Sheets, Installation Report, Transfer Form, Transmittal, Name/Address Change, Death Notice), Reports ( Enclosures 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27), Ship Store (Catalog and Order form), and Other needed forms ( 50 year pin, Memorial Fund, Discharge of Charter, Chapel of 4 Chaplains).



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



**2020  
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)**

**Please note:** A limited number of double occupancy rooms are available @ \$149 w/o breakfast. Please contact the Detachment direct for booking. Please contact PDC Robert Cross direct who will get you linked with the hotel.  
Email:melbcross33@gmail.com

Complete form, include check in total amount and make out to **Kentuckiana Detachment 729, MCL** (Note: 2020 Cent. Div. Conf.)

Mail to:  
Kentuckiana Detachment 729  
Marine Corps League  
Att: Robert D. Cross PDC  
P.O.Box 991367  
Louisville, KY 40269  
email:mclbcross33@gmail.com

**Important Information:** Hotel reservations and Ad submissions require immediate attention as time is of essence. Please book your rooms and place your ads Now!

**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)

## Ad Rate Fees & Deadline:

Please send ALL ads in a PDF format to **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 \_\_\_\_\_

1/8<sup>th</sup> page \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Calling Card \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount due  
for Registration and**

**Ad Fees:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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**SEE THE GOODNESS OF OUR FATHER IN THE AUTUMN SEASON FAIR,  
IN THE COLORS THAT DELIGHT US, WHEN THERE'S  
BEAUTY EVERYWHERE.**

WISHING ALL MEMBERS A BLESSED THANKSGIVING  
AND SAFE TRAVELS SHOULD YOU BE ON THE ROAD  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. KEEP ALL OUR MEMBERS IN  
YOUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. MANY ARE  
SUFFERING AND DO NOT WISH TO SHARE THAT WITH  
OUR MEMBERS.





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