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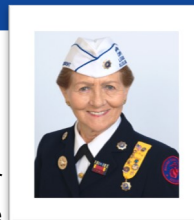
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies!

As natural disasters occur across our country and abroad, we need to extend the hand of help when and wherever we can. Thanks to those who are always there to assist and those who keep them in prayer. May they be safe.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Assistant Division VP's: Ann LeClair, Central Division and Doris Bujanowski, Mideast Division. I thank the board for their quick approval.

Several of our members observed 9/11 events and remembrances. Thank you.

I will have the honor to attend Modern Day Marine this week as well as assisting Karen Grady, our secretary, in the national office. The convention proceedings, bylaw changes, and the national roster will be mailed to Units, Departments, National officers and PNPs this week. It is wonderful to have the National Marine Corps League Judge Advocate respond to our Judge Advocate in such a timely manner in approval of our bylaw changes.

Transmittals have been keeping our secretary busy. Thank you and keep them coming. Remember we are in good standing if our dues are paid 90 days after August 31.

The Fall Conference in my area will occur shortly. Please attend functions in your area as time allows.

Many ideas to help your unit happens at these functions and the opportunity to gain new lasting friendships.

Plans for the 244th Birthday Ball are in progress. I hope each of you can assist our Marines and attend one of these important celebrations.

What is your unit doing today to help our active duty Marines and Veterans? Please show some of the fine examples so we can learn from each other. Share the things that bind your unit together and keep you strong.

There is work being done behind the scenes: Ladies talking about starting new auxiliaries and reviving struggling units. Please lend a hand in this important effort to keep our auxiliary growing to help our Marines and Veterans and Community. Again, the opportunity to strengthen our units and to gain new members is ever present. We need only to be ready and to follow through.

Please carry applications with you and be ever vigilant in observing a few good women who are looking for the same purposes and ideals we stand for.

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

Semper Fi,

Evelyn B Joppa

National President



MODERN DAY MARINE 2019

Awardees GySgt Erle Pettus, Drill Instructor of the Year; Staff Sgt Tyler Jennings, Recruiter of the Year; Our MCLA Southern Division VP Terri Gothard; Staff Sgt Stephen Ferguson, Carlos N Hathcock Award; Our MCLA National President Evelyn Joppa, GySgt James Waddington, Career Planner of the Year; Our MCLA Past Honorary National President; HM2 Daniel Matheney, Corpsman of the Year.



With Johnny Baker at the
Modern Day Marine Grand Banquet



Karen Grady, Nat'l Sec,
Nat'l Pres Evelyn Joppa;
Nat'l Southern Div VP Terri Gothard



Newest member and wife of an awardee,
Victoria Jennings with National President
Evelyn Joppa

SR Vice President



Happy Fall!

They say you learn something new every day, so here are some lessons to be learned from the teamwork of geese. Yes, I said **geese**. These facts have been attributed to numerous individuals including a pastor, a biologist, a Buddhist monk and an environmentalist. The source is not important; the lessons are:

Geese Teamwork Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.
Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Geese Teamwork Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.
Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.



Geese Teamwork Fact 3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.
Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

Geese Teamwork Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement is the quality of honking we seek.

Geese Teamwork Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

All of the lessons above can be adapted to the way we conduct our business as Marine Corps League Auxiliary members, and this is why I thought it important to share these lessons with you this month.



Happy Halloween and remember to stock up on those treats for the little ghosts and goblins.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President

Why did you join?

JR Vice President

Last month I asked a few question about how you were recruited into the Auxiliary and what initially drew you to the Auxiliary. I thought about them and here are my answers.

I joined the Auxiliary at the invitation of my husband. He learned about the Marine Corps League while he was still active duty. After his retirement we moved to his hometown in Missouri, where he had family and history. He promptly joined a Detachment to continue spending time with his Marine brothers and sisters and he encouraged me to join their Auxiliary. I chose to join the Auxiliary because I also wanted that military connection, that family and history that was so familiar to me. The Auxiliary was a natural fit for me because it provided all of that. My husband has been so good about finding lasting opportunities for me.

I spoke with another Auxiliary member who answered the questions and she said her husband asked her to start a Unit for his Detachment. He was so proud to be a Marine and wanted her to be involved, too. She contacted a local Past Department President for assistance who stepped right up to help her even though she herself had just come home from the hospital after surgery. Her mentor must have recognized the gleam in her eye and shared her passion for the Marine Corps because she continued to guide her through all of her years in her Auxiliary calling. She and her mentor also helped each other through several personal crisis situations because that is what family does. In her words, "I have met and become friends with so many special people who have joined me on life's journey."

This is what we are about – giving, sharing and connecting. Giving of ourselves to help someone become a member of our family and sharing our connection with others. Won't you offer a hand to someone in your community?

Dotty Sanning
Junior Vice President

How does your unit:

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

Share your information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...

We want to hear from you!

New Style... New E-Mail

If you have something fun, exciting or successful happening in your neck of the woods please send it to HQ! The newsletter E-mail is slightly changed

MCLA-Newsletters@nationalmcla.org

Please use this email for all Newsletter connected questions or concerns.



Judge Advocate

With Fall in full swing, there is an important “housekeeping” task that I would like to remind everyone to take care of:

If the Unit Treasurer has not filed the 990 for the IRS, she has until November 15th to get it filed.

When filing the 990 it is important to double check that the fiscal year is correct, July 1 – June 30.

Please be sure to print a copy of the receipt before leaving the confirmation page. Please make four copies. One copy is to be retained in the Unit files, the other 3 copies need to be sent to the following: Department Treasurer, Division VP, and National Secretary.

It is important for the Unit Treasurer to report to the membership in the meeting when she filed the 990. This filing date should then be recorded in the Unit meeting minutes. Also, please be sure to update the filing date on any future transmittals and installation reports that will be sent in throughout this next year.

Although this housekeeping task is a bit time consuming, it is necessary that it is filed on time so that our organization is compliant with federal and local laws, as well as our own by-laws.

*Semper Fi,
Mary Brief*

Southeast Division VP

What a few months we've had. It was exciting to see everyone at the National Conference in Billings and to acquire new information to bring back to our units.

We have exciting news in the South East, we have a pending unit in Louisiana, two pending in South Carolina and a new unit in Florida.

The DOF Florida Auxiliary is taking on the task of hosting the 2019 Fall Conference in Melbourne Florida. It is an honor to work with our Department Commandant, Frank Glassford in this endeavor. The conference is scheduled for October 4, 5 and 6.

I attended the Department of Georgia Convention and spoke to members about starting a unit in their state. Several people ask for additional information and we will keep working to see if we can get a unit there. We then have Mississippi and Alabama.

There are a few very important areas we need to focus on and that is recruitment and retention. Don't forget to include your new members in the activities and give them some things to do if they are interested.

Don't forget to look outside the wives of the Marines. We have many avenues for eligibility. Recruit people you work with or attend social events with. If you see someone in a restaurant, ask them if they know about the Marine Corps League and or Auxiliary. I find that many time Marines don't know anything about the League.

I wish you all great success in all your endeavors and hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter.

Carol Mazzara—SE DIVISION VP

Past
Presidents
of a Unit
or a
Department
may join ...



National Marine Corps League Auxiliary Past Presidents Club



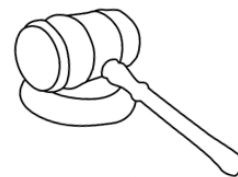
The purpose of the Past Presidents Club is to hold together those women who have served as President in friendship—that they may be recognized as a very special aid to the individual Units who are the backbone of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and encourage them to serve through the Past Presidents' Club.

To be eligible, you must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and have completed a term as President of a Unit, Department, or National to which elected.

Dues to National are \$1.00 - Department dues fixed by Department Past Presidents Club. Dues are mailed to National Past Presidents Club Treasurer: Elaine Schieffer 133 Cook Rd., Prospect, CT 06712-1816

The Slate of newly elected officers are:

National Regent	Donna Jean Peterson
National Vice Regent	Evelyn Joppa
Parliamentarian	Viola Trevino
Chaplain	Antonia Hurtado
Historian	Darlene MacCubbin
Trustee #1	Terri Gothard
Trustee #2	Susan Douglas
Trustee #3	Susie Lee
Sentinel	Sandy Van Tol
Secretary	Marti Kline
Treasurer	Elaine Schieffer



I have in my possession a Charter for Units or Departments whom have just started a Past President Club. Send me your slate of officers and date you were organized.

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DONNA JEAN PETERSON, NATIONAL REGENT

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GOD GRANT TO
THE LIVING ,
GRACE ; TO THE
DEPARTED , REST;
TO THE NATION,
PEACE AND
CONCORD; TO US
ALL YOUR
SERVANTS THE
PROMISE OF
EVERLASTING
LIFE, LIGHT TO
GUIDE US ON OUR
WAY, COURAGE TO
SUPPORT US, AND
YOUR BLESSING
TO UNITE US IN
SERVICE TO YOU
AND OUR GOD
AND THIS OUR
COUNTRY

CAROLINE WEAVER- Pappy Boyington Unit, Idaho, * 8/03/2019
Condolences to: Ron Pitts, son. 2219 Chester Street, Ext. High Point, NC 27262.

IDA E CUMMINGS – Massena Unit, NY. * 8/23/2019. Condolences to: Kevin Barkley, 311 Deviller Street, Ogdensburg, NY.13669-1805.

JEANE GOLDFARB- Montezuma Unit, OH. * 8/2019. No address for condolences.

Jeanne Schwartz, Jr. Vice of the Holiday Unit in Florida, lost her Mother, Cecile Leigh Clark on August 29th, 2019. Cards of condolence to: 9730 Oakwood Hills Ct, New Port Richey, Fl. 34655.

Marti Kline from the Larry Nehring Unit in Des Moines, IA lost her mother, Martha. Cards of condolence may be sent to Marti at: 9804 NE 40th Ave. Mitchellville, Iowa. 50169.

HPNP Lynn Laberge had cataract surgery and some other health issues since National convention. We are hopeful that the world looks brighter to her at this time.

There are many of our members who are still experiencing health issues, whether by having chemo treatments or some kind of surgery. Please say a pray for our members that they may be restored to health both in body and mind. We have had some interesting weather all over the country this summer, and send prayers out to those who may have been in the pathway of those storms.

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

**WE SEE THE SIGNS OF SUMMER'S PASSING IN THE GOLDEN LEAF,
SHORTENING DAYS, MISTY MORNINGS, AND AUTUMN GLOW.
WE SENSE IT'S PASSING IN THE RAIN THAT DAMPENS, WINDS THAT
CHILL, HARVEST'S BOUNTY PLACED ON SHOW. CREATOR GOD, WHO
BRINGS FORTH BOTH GREEN SHOOT AND FROST, SUNRISE AND
SUNSET, WE BRING YOU THANKS FOR SEEDS THAT HAVE GROWN,
HARVEST GATHERED, STOREHOUSES FILLED, MOUTHS FED. AND,
AS YOUR GOOD EARTH RESTS THROUGH WINTER'S COLD EMBRACE,
WE LOOK FORWARD TO ITS RE-AWAKENING WHEN KISSED
BY SPRING'S FIRST TOUCH.**

From The Office

Proceedings have been mailed! If you attended the National Convention your convention ribbon has been included in the Proceeding Packet mailed to your unit. Dept and VP's and Board members will receive their convention ribbons in their packets.



If you attended the convention and do not receive a ribbon please, first contact your Unit President. She can contact the office if she did not receive enough ribbons for the unit. Thanks so much for your patience with this mix up at the printer.

BONDS ...

Paid as of Sept 30th
38 Units
8 Departments

TRANSMITTALS...

Transmittals are slowly coming in, keep them headed this way please!

We currently have 960 members renewed for 2019-2020;
511 of those are Life Members.

This includes two Brand New Units —

Gen Roy S. Geiger MCLA Unit in Florida
PNP Norma A Liner MCLA Unit in Louisiana

Just a reminder— all membership fees, LM dues and bond fees may all be paid with one check. Anything listed on one cover sheet may be paid with one check. (Unit or Department) (Departments may combine multiple units on one cover sheet and send one check— hopefully this makes it easier on the treasurers.) The beauty of the Unit Cover sheet and new transmittal was to offer more spaces for members names, so please use all the spaces available on each page if possible. List LM, then ALM, then Reg, then Assoc. Mem. No need to start a new transmittal for each type of membership.

SHIP STORE ...

Orders may be sent via email or USPS. HQ will process orders within a few days of receipt. Most orders are sent out by Fed Ex, if you are ordering a cover it may need to be ordered from the manufacturer; this will take 4-6 weeks.

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.

ELECTED OFFICERS

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