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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies!

We stand at attention for morning Colors at 0800. The American flag is raised against the sun in a light blue sky. As the bugle sounds off, a flock of geese fly over in their perfect V formation, announcing the start of our National Convention. Only in Montana! I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the Commandant and members of the Eugene Sara Detachment for hosting an outstanding National Convention and to all those assisting.

The convention was well attended. We accomplished the business at hand as well as enjoying great fellowship. Those who could not attend were missed.



Congratulations to the newly elected officers. Thank you to the membership for the honor and privilege to serve as your National President. We have a great team: Linda Chamberlain as Sr. Vice from Pennsylvania, Dotty Sanning as Jr Vice from Missouri, Mary Brief as Judge Advocate from Michigan. I want to take this opportunity to thank the

members who agreed to serve in our many appointed committee positions and the Board for accepting those appointments, rounding out the ability to better serve our membership, our Marines, veterans, families and communities. I would like to extend my thanks to JPNP Carol Smith who has served this past year with loyalty, commitment, compassion and love. Gratitude and appreciation to my installing team: Installing Officer PNP Ruth S. Moyse, Installing Guard PNP Karen Wheeler, and Installing Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile. PNP Ruth Moyse was the first National President to ask me to serve on a national committee. The support of the PNPs, the Board, and the members has been and continues to be a blessing. Thank you all.

One highlight of the Convention was presenting PNP Virginia Johnson with the VAVS Distinguished Service Award from the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary for her 37 years and over 8000 hours of service. Her ability to gather donations for our veterans is astounding, and she continues her service as a fine example to our Auxiliary. PNP Johnson is pictured with Jr. Past National President Carol Smith.

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New Unit Installation:

Gen Roy S Geiger MCLA

Present were PNP Karen Aune, National President Evelyn Joppa, SE DIV VP Carol Mazzara, Dept of FL Sr Vice Sandy Tots-Fry, Unit President Elizabeth G. Brown, Sr Vice Sharon York, Jr Vice Judy Okuley, JA

“I received the honor of presenting the Charter to the new President Elizabeth G. Brown.”

Upon returning to Florida, the Information and Charter for the New Gen Roy S Geiger MCLA Unit was delivered. Carol Mazzara, Southeast Division Vice President, arranged for us to present the Charter, initiate their members, and install their first officers. I received the honor of presenting the Charter to the new President Elizabeth G. Brown. PNP Karen Aune served as president for the initiation team. Officers were installed by National President and team. The Gen Roy S Geiger Detachment 1047 certainly supported this new unit in style in their new detachment home by inviting us for dinner there. District Vice Commandant, District 3 Dept of Florida Barry Brown, was initially responsible for the invitation to the Auxiliary to

Speak about starting new units. The final result so far is this new enthusiastic unit.

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

New Style... New E-Mail

So, by now you have noticed the newsletter has a slightly different style. We hope everyone enjoys the minor changes. We would like to have articles from all areas of the US. 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.

SR Vice President

Is it Fall already? It must be – the back-to-school supplies were in the stores before I left for the National Convention on August 3rd and the first thing I saw as I entered the Giant Food Store the other day was boxes of Spice Wafers (or as we called them as kids, “Halloween Cookies”) and the shelves are being filled with bags of Halloween candy. Time sure flies when you’re having fun!

We had a great convention in Billings. I had the opportunity to meet Auxiliary members I had not met before and also meet and speak face-to-face with members I had only known through emails or phone calls. I hope to meet more of you next year in Daytona Beach.

Madam President has allowed me to remain as

your EIN/990N information resource, so if you ladies have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be writing more about the EIN and 990Ns in future newsletter articles, but for now here are a few reminders:

If you have not filed a 990N since 2015, you are at risk of having your EIN number revoked; Your 2018 990N should be filed by no later than November 15, 2019; A copy of the filing acceptance needs to be sent to National Headquarters as per Chapter 8, Subsidiaries Section 850 IRS Reports of our National Administrative Procedures.

In closing for this month, I would just like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your National Senior Vice President. I am looking forward to representing you, my Auxiliary sisters, in this position and working with Madam President and the other officers during the coming year.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President



**"TAR HEEL UNIT 733 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AUXILIARY
INSTALLATION CEREMONY"**



**When: Saturday, September 28, 2019
1:00pm to 3:00pm**
**Where: Biltmore Hills Community Center - Picnic Shelter 2
2615 Fitzgerald Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610**



**You are cordially invited to "TAR HEEL UNIT 733 MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE AUXILIARY (MCIA) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
CEREMONY & 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!" Join us for
FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP at Biltmore Hills Community Center - Picnic
Shelter 2 as we celebrate our AMAZING 1st Year "supporting each other while
serving our MARINES, their FAMILIES, our COMMUNITIES & ALL VETERANS!"**
**Please RSVP by September 15, 2019 to President, Pamela Thomas at
mclaUnit733Pres@gmail.com or (919) 995-8802.**



How does your unit:

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

TarHeel Unit 733 in North Carolina put together a great flyer to celebrate their 1 year anniversary! They are turning their anniversary into a new member installation celebration event! We can't wait to hear how it goes.

If you have a great flyer, a news worthy event, a celebration or a conference happening—let everyone know about it here!

JR Vice President

My sincere thanks go out to everyone who had a part in making the National Convention such a success, from the guards at the back of the room who signed us in with smiles to the ladies who cheerily manned the drawing tables while we in the business meetings. I felt that we had interesting and stimulating meetings with respectable communication, even after the gavel sounded, and enjoyed the camaraderie. The planned evening activities were entertaining, the accommodations were good, the food was great, but the scenery really took the cake! I also want to express my appreciation to you, sisters, for voting me in as your new Junior Vice President. I plan to work for everyone and help in any way that I can with your membership questions.

From our Bylaws: The National Junior Vice President shall create and promulgate such membership incentives and programs as will produce enthusiastic response resulting in continuous membership growth.

Together we can discover new ways to grow together – or old ways. Perhaps we should reexamine what initially drew us to the Auxiliary.

Why did you join?

Who brought you in?

What was your initial motivation?

When you consider the answers, you may find a way to recruit someone new. Let me know how this works for you and your Unit. I will also participate and give you my answers next month.

Dotty Sanning

Junior Vice President

“Why?
Who?
What?”

Judge Advocate



I would like to introduce myself; my name is Mary Brief; I have been elected as your new National Judge Advocate. There are many things to learn from our National By-laws and Administrative Procedures to make our

organization work smoothly, cohesively, and legally compliant with the government regulations; whether it is federal or state law. Reviewing the 5 “W”s seem to be the first place to start.

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WHO needs to follow by-laws? Each and every member, regardless of their personal feelings, need to follow the by-laws. Whether you work in the private sector or in your daily interactions, conflicts may arise. People disagree on how to get something done or they may not get along with others. However; you must do your BEST because you want the best outcome. As MCLA members, we want to do the best for our Veterans and those causes our Units choose to support.

WHAT can I do to be of assistance to other MCLA members?

We must be supportive, respect one another and their opinions, but most importantly, remember it is not one person that makes up the MCLA. Rather, it is *many* people with the same purpose and passion of serving our Veterans. The Unit level is where the important work takes place. The Units represent our MCLA as a whole. The Unit level is where the direct interaction with Veterans and their families begin. The National By-laws and Administrative Procedures provides each member, and her Unit, the support and strong foundation on which to build upon.



WHERE do we go if we need answers or clarifications to our questions? Lucky for you, we have the chain of command. This starts at the Unit level, and is the most visible part of the organization. The chain of command portrays who we are and what we stand

for. We are a Veterans group, which is built upon the principles of the Marine Corps. The chain of command is as follows: Unit, Department, Division, and finally National. However, remember, refer to your by-laws and your “closest” Judge Advocate for guidance before moving up the chain.

WHEN do we use the chain of command?

If a member has a concern or dispute with an incident, they need to go to the Unit Judge Advocate. It is her duty to refer to the By -laws and Administrative Procedures to try and

resolve whatever the question or incident might be. If she is unable to give a definitive answer or judgment on the situation, she would then approach the next level in the chain of command, such as the Department Judge Advocate. In the absence of a Department, the next level would then be the Division Vice President.

WHY do we need Bylaws and Administrative Procedures?

We need Bylaws and Administrative Procedures to ensure we are cohesive in achieving the goal of the MCLA.

At times people become so focused on the little things that they truly forget why the Marine Corps League Auxiliary was created. The purpose of this Auxiliary is to bond together in comradeship.... which is the company and friendship with others with common aims.

Bylaw/Administrative Procedure and Enclosure changes from the National Convention will be included with the Proceedings to be mailed in September.

Girl Scout Chair



We had a very nice convention in Billings this August. The scenery there is just delightful to see. Still snow on some mountains, where they ski in winter.

At our Tues. meeting I presented the following states with certificates of Thank You for doing the honor of giving girls in their area our Good Citizenship Award.

STATE	NO. OF AWARDS	DEPT. OR UNITS
Arkansas	89	River Valley Claude Rogers Unit
Colorado	42	Dept. of Colorado
Connecticut	77	Dept. of Connecticut
Florida	128	Dept. of Florida
Illinois	20	Sauk Valley Unit
	14	Leathernecks Unit
MARYLAND	58	DEPT. OF MARYLAND (new this year)
Michigan	39	Dept. of Michigan
Minnesota	76	Dept. of Minnesota
Missouri	44	So. St. Louis Unit
	60	Dept. of Missouri
	12	also given to a Wisconsin Council
New Jersey	317	Dept. of New Jersey
Texas	215	Dept. of Texas

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ABOVE that recognized the Girl Scout Gold Awardees in their area.

To all of our other states, that have never done the award, please consider doing the award for the girls in your area next year. If you are in a state, next to another that does not have an auxiliary, please consider doing the award for the girls in the state that does not have an auxiliary.

We have a new auxiliary lady in charge of our Girl Scout program. I am retiring after 6 years as chairman of the Girl Scout committee. Our new chairman's name is Leona Rowley. She will be your contact in the future. You will hear from her in the next newsletter.

Carole Lyston, retiring, National Girl Scout Chairman

How to
purchase
certificates:

A Note From The Ship Store:

If you buy Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates in bulk you will save money!

1 GS Certificate \$1.25

25 GS Certificates \$25.00 (20% off)

100 GS Certificates \$75 (40% off)

Chaplain



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

PATRICIA MENSACK * General Smedley D Butler Unit, PA.
Condolences to her daughter: 4 Colton Drive, Cochranville, PA. 19330.

BRENDA ESTEP TOMONELLI * 7/29/2019 Big D unit, Texas. Condolences to Ron Tomonelli: 110 Mac Lane, Pottsboro, TX.

VIRGINIA K. HUFFMAN * 7/25/2019 Lt. Bonnyman Unit, Knoxville, TN.
Condolences to: Howard Raines, 618 S. Old Sevierville Pike, Seymour, TN. 37865.

MARSHA KAY CAMPBELL * 7/12/2019 Alton leathernecks Unit, Illinois. Condolences to: daughter, 715 W Wilkus St. Bunkerhill, Ill.

LILLAIN PERCIVAL * 8/2019 Mickey Finn Unit, Va. Condolences to: Granddaughter Katie Parr, 19116 Wayne Drive, Triangle, VA 22172.

VIOLA CONNEY * 4/07/2019 Forrest G James Unit, Minn. No next of kin.

We lost Life Member Ella Belanger of Erath, La, last February.

Dept of Missouri member, Mary Lou Webb lost her mother in July. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at 2709 E Madison St. Springfield, MO. 65802.

HPNP Lynn Laberge had cataract surgery on both eyes. She is doing well. Cards of cheer for her go to: 16958 SE 84 Colerain Circle, The Villages, Florida, 32162.

Patty Lewis from the All Divisions Unit in PA, had surgery to remove a tumor from her adrenal gland. Prayers and cards are welcome at: 30 Hideaway Dr. Willow Grove, PA .19090.

Sandy Falter from the Dept of Washington has some health issues that could use our prayers. Cards of cheer for her go to: 5511 Douglas Rd. Yakima, WA. 98908.

Connie and Jim lauber are dealing with some health issues of Jim's. Cards of cheer for them may be sent to: 64 Woodhaven St. Waterbury, CT. 06708.

Sandy Cole, from the Central Missouri Unit, fell and broke her wrist and had a pin put in the bone. She hopes to heal quickly. Cards of cheer for her go to: 210 Grace Lane, Holts Summit, MO. 65043.

Steve and Mitzi Abeyta are in great need of our prayers as Steve battles serious health issues. 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO. 81144-1179.

PNP Karen Aune is dealing with her cancer surgery but could sure use our love and prayers. Cheerful greetings for her may be mailed to: 10010 Skinner Lake Dr. Apt. 312, Jacksonville, FL. 32246.

Carol Smith could use our prayers for her sister Nancy who is suffering from cancer. Cards may be sent to her sister, Nancy McBride, 1631 Geneva Circle, Longmont, CO 80503 or to Carol Smith, 1411 W Walnut, Jacksonville, IL. 62650.

Pat Schwendeman has started dialysis and could use our prayers. Cards of

encouragement may be sent to her address: 84 Four Winds Dr. St. Peters, MO 63376. She also lost her husband this year and could use our love.

I would ask that you say a prayer for all of our newly elected and appointed National officers that they have a wonderful year and enjoy every minute of their service to our MCLA.

Please continue to send me the death notices as soon as you can. If you learn of a member who has passed quite some time ago, I still need that death notice. My thanks to all for your hard work in your units and keeping me posted on the health of your members. It is not always necessary to send cards if you do not wish to do that. But it only takes a moment to send out a prayer to that member.

There are always those in our lives who suffer in silence, take time to say a prayer for all in your circle of friends. Blessings to All. Barb Nobile PNP, National Chaplain

JR Past Big Flea

Kudos to Flea Evelyn Joppa and her remarkable team of many for a truly memorable Scratch, they really hit out one out of the **park**! I appreciate all of the hard work that went into the planning and execution of my **Sports**-themed event and I am truly sad for those that had to miss it this year because it was a **ball**! The cute handouts to the Dogs that went through were a big **hit** and there were even some left over that I got to bring home. Caramel popcorn and other goodies reminded me of attending many **games** at the **ballpark**. Yumm, I just opened the beautifully decorated candy box. There were so many wonderful fleas (do not have space to list them all) that added their many arm and legs to make it a hole in one.

The Wanna-Be's were well trained to perform their ????? They **scored** so well that we had quite a bit of ????? that we were able to ????? with the help of our Assistant ????? Twila.

Yes, a fun time was had by all but we also had business to attend to. One item in particular was putting a deadline on nominations for Flea of the Year. Hmmmm, that reminds me, do you know who received this distinction? None other than Rogene Hackbarth for jobs well done! Remember Fleas, it is not too early to submit the name (and justification) for a Flea that you feel is worthy of the award. Make sure you go to the Flea website for further information.

Speaking of the Flea website, that is also where the new Madame Big Flea Joyce Brickett will have information to share about her Scratch in Daytona Beach, Florida – you won't want to miss it.

Semper Mordendi,
Dotty Sanning
Past Madame Big Flea

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From the National Chaplain:

LORD IN HEAVEN,

PLEASE HELP ME TO SEE THE ANGELS WHOM I KNOW YOU HAVE PLACED IN MY PRESENCE. HELP ME TO SLOW DOWN AND KNOW THAT I AM ALWAYS DIVINELY PROTECTED AND GUIDED. HELP ME TO SPREAD YOUR WORD, DO YOUR WORK, BE KIND, AND LOVE.

THANK YOU LORD, FOR YOUR HELP THIS DAY.

(AN ANGEL DOES NOT HAVE TO SPEAK TO BE HEARD, BE VISIBLE TO BE SEEN, OR TO BE PRESENT TO BE FELT. BELIEVE IN ANGELS AND THEY WILL ALWAYS BE NEAR)



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