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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies!

We are in unprecedented times. With the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the incredible speed at which things are changing around us, we need to continually adapt what and how we handle our organization. As we keep all our members in prayer, be ever mindful of the number of aging members who may not want to risk exposure to themselves or family members. Working together to help prevent this virus is good for all. Keep in touch and look out for family and friends. History has proven to be our friend and in the long run we are a resilient nation and have always sought the positive out of any situation.

Out of every adversity comes something great, sometimes we must look for it. Happy Easter, the Lord is in control.

It was an honor to install the officers of the Spring Hill Unit. Thank you, ladies, for asking! Due to the current restrictions in Florida the unit only had the necessary officers present.

Left to Right: Chaplain Sandra Creeher, Sr. Vice President Mildred Bernier, Judge Advocate Rose Marie Vacca, National President Evelyn Joppa, President Kathleen Rottino, Sec/Treasurer Kathleen Hagel, and Jr. Vice President Joanie Rizzitello.



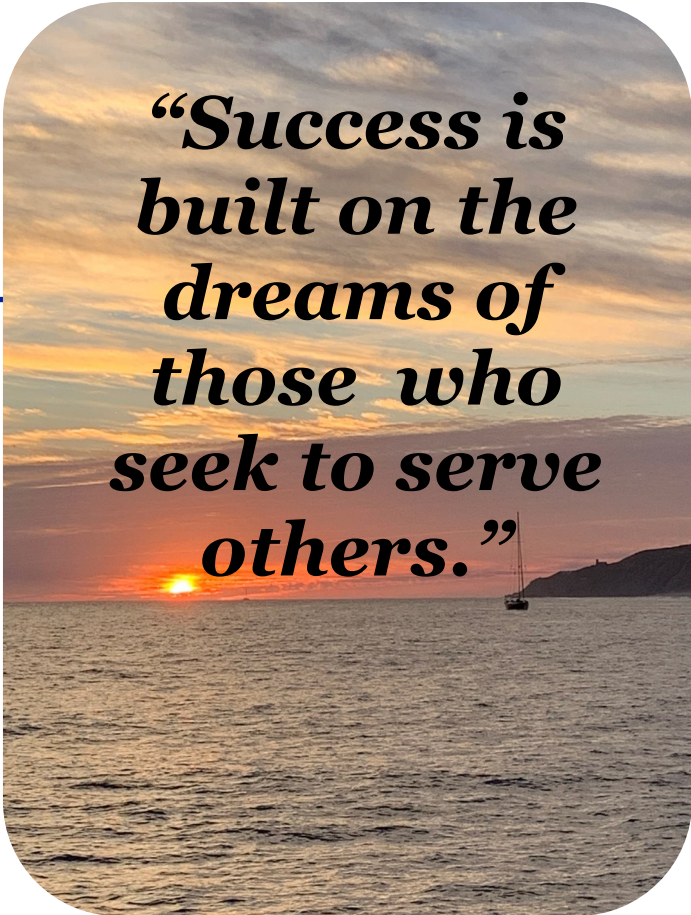
National President (con't)

Many events have been canceled or postponed. Please be understanding and patient. The welfare of our members, family and friends is upper most in our minds & prayers.

We all have the opportunity spend extra time on what we have accomplished this year so far as a unit and individually. Filling out those reports of activities may be a good use of this down time and reflect the accomplishments of members and units. Remember the dates for those reports are May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020.

“Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others.”

Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn Joppa
National President



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SR Vice President

Last Honors

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The Ritual

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Tell Your
Family

On Saturday, March 7, I had the privilege of being part of Last Honors for Department of Pennsylvania General Smedley D. Butler Unit member Margaret (Peg) Curley.

I had known Peg for many years, but until I read her obituary, I guess I never really knew her at all. Peg joined the United States Air Force the year I was born and served on active duty both stateside and in Occupation Germany, where she achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. Altogether, between active duty and Air Force Reserves, Peg served nearly 23 years in the service of her country. Besides not knowing she was a Master Sergeant, I never knew she worked for the Reading Railroad (the same railroad my grandfather worked for) or that she had brothers and sisters. I only knew of the nieces she spoke of often. I guess we never really know someone as well as we think we do.



The service performed that day was done with dignity and love for our departed Auxiliary sister.

We do not perform this type of ceremony very often, and why is that? Well, either because we as Auxiliary members do not think to include it in our "final wishes," or we don't tell our family we would like Last Honors. Unfortunately, there are times our members pass and we are never notified because their families did not know they were members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

So, ladies, the next time you have an occasion to pull out your Ritual Book, go to Section Four and look it over. Then, when a member of your unit passes away, you can ask the family if they would like the Unit to do Last Honors for their loved one.

Until next month, Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Semper Fidelis,

*Linda S.
Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President*



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JR Vice President

70 Million
Quarantined,
time to think
outside the
box.

I am one of 70 million. That is what I heard on the news this morning - 70 million people have been asked to stay home. Hopefully, by the time you see this newsletter much information will have changed and I pray for the better.

One thing that will not change is the need in our communities for people everywhere to donate time, talents and treasures to aid others. During this period in our world's history it is important to remember that this need does not go away. What has changed are the ways that we might be able to meet this need. When I think about the many methods we use to help others in our communities it leads me to think outside the box. How can we continue to serve others when so many of us are over the age of 60 and have been asked to stay home? Perhaps we could look at volunteer activities from a different side. True, we cannot go to the veterans' homes or hospitals to visit or play games with them. Check with the facility, maybe they have access to computers and you can participate in a video visit. If you don't have a computer perhaps they would welcome a telephone call. As a matter of fact, as a social species we thrive on interaction so we should do everything possible to continue our outreach activities. It is incumbent upon us to devise alternate means to meet the social needs for ourselves and others.

Indulge me a short trip through a history book: video chats, email, text, twitter. Another chapter is about teleconference and telephone calls. Do you remember party lines? A conference call can connect several people together on a single telephone call. You can even get free conference calls through the internet. I have done this with my family several times over the past few years. Some websites say you can connect up to 1,000 people on a call – I do not have that many immediate family members! This might be a way to help keep your unit in touch with other. It could also be a great way to keep your friends and neighbors in the loop about everyone else. Equally important is the chapter about the written word. When was the last time you wrote a letter to someone? In the same way that we send cards to someone we could also write a page or two. Personally, I am pretty excited when I get a letter in the mail. We could write letters to those in nursing homes, hospitals or other facilities who no longer have an occasional visitor.

While you are exercising your mind with computers, telephones and letters please do not forget about exercising your body. Yes, you can still exercise! There are many, many exercise videos on television and on the internet. Keep your body and mind strong – we need you.

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President

Due to the Coronavirus and people asked to stay home, the Southern Division NVC and his officers, voted this afternoon, Mar. 17th to postpone the Southern Conf until May 8-9,2020.

I am finishing up the 2nd year of my first term as Division Vice, and I have not regretted taking this office. I have gotten to meet some wonderful mentors, made beautiful friends, and I am still learning. I would like to thank my Division, and the National officers for having the confidence in me to do this job.



With that out of the way, the Southern Division is a hard-working division. I am proud of the members and all the work they do. They are constantly working with their Detachments and veterans.

I was honored to attend the opening ceremony at Arkansas State Capital for the Gold Star Family Memorial, this is the only monument on State Capital grounds. The memorial would not have happened if 3 of Arkansas Detachment members worked hard on raising money, getting the Governors signature, and getting the contractors.

As we go into the next year, I am hoping all Auxiliaries will concentrate on membership. If we don't grow, we will lose this wonderful organization.

Semper Fi,

Terri Gothard, Southern Div. VP

CONFERENCES.... WHEN IS YOURS???

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

for details and to register follow the link below:

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

SOUTHERN DIVISION: May 8-9, 2020 *New Dates*



Register ►

Judge Advocate

Invites and Etiquette

I am hoping that you are staying safe in this frightening time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Michigan has mandated that only essential employees be working starting tonight at midnight. I work at a health care facility so I will be going to work for now.

This trying time has given us a new perspective to appreciate our families and friends. It has afforded us time to stop, take a breath, and take stock in how we approach our day to day activities. Even though many State and Division conventions will be cancelled, I would like take this opportunity to address honoring convention etiquette.

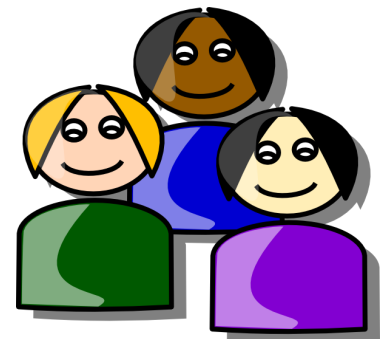
It is proper etiquette for the hosting Auxiliary of any convention to invite their National MCLA officers, (National President and your National Division Vice President), or any other officers they would like to invite. This is done by sending a letter of invitation. However, by sending an invitation it is not automatically assumed that the

hosting Auxiliary must pay for the transportation, hotel accommodations, or meals of the invited officers. The invitation should state that you would be honored to have their presence at your Convention, and although it isn't required to accommodate travel, hotel, meals, etc..., proper etiquette is to declare in your invitation what, if any accommodation, you are willing to assist towards your guest's expenses.

I hope that Conventions will be held so we can strengthen the friendships and enjoy the comradery in our unified devotion to the men and women of The United States Marine Corps that we all love. Until that time, I pray for your safety and wellness. Please heed our President's advisements with social distancing, hand washing, and safe practices in these coming days.

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate





National Madam Big Flea

Joyce Brickett



2020 Supreme Flea Scratch

It is my honor to invite all Fleas and Flea Wannabees to the Supreme Scratch at the National MCL/MCLA Convention August 9 -14 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Please be sure to register and make your reservations early by logging on to the national website. The Scratch time and place will be listed on the agenda.

The Scratch theme this year is anything military, so think M*A*S*H, Rosie the Riveter, Beetle Bailey or whatever you can find in your Marine's closet. We will "pester the Dogs in an honorable manner of good clean fun and frivolity and make every effort to raise funds to support honorable, noteworthy causes." Please visit the Flea website at www.MODDFleas.org and order a Flea Ritual manual for additional information.

If you are a Flea, don't forget to nominate a worthy sister Flea for the National Flea of the Year award. Criteria for this award is listed in the manual. And finally, don't forget your passport and your dues. If you are a current officer, please be familiar with your role and/or responsibilities. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

"Semper Mordendi" (always biting),

Joyce Brickett

National Madam Big Flea 2019-2020



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..

BARBARA STONE CAPRENTNER * 2/23/2020 – Music City Unit, TN.
No next of kin.

BARBARA GEARHART* 3/12/2020- Central Missouri Unit, MO-
Condolences to daughter- Cheryl Ackerman, 301 Maple Street, California,
MO. 65018.

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Prayers are still needed for Mitzi and Steve Abeyta. Steve was taken to the hospital by life flight for issues that caused seizures. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them at: 445 Dennis St., Monte Vista, CO. 81144.

Richard Rampone, husband of MCLA member, Donna Rampone from CT. needs our prayers for her husband who had heart surgery in February, He is in a rehab facility , and like any Marine is bored. Cards of cheer may be sent to their home; 229 Carriage Drive, Kensington, CT. 06037.

Janet Le Beau, from the Dept of Michigan has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Sharing a cheerful greeting for her may be sent to: 12432 Irene, Southgate, Michigan, 48195.

Angie Bollwerk, Cape Girardeau Unit in Missouri is mourning the passing of her mother, Florence . She passed away on March 7th. Cards of condolence for Angie may be sent to: 1537 Parkside Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Past Midwest Division vice Commandant Bryson Allen and husband to Wilma Allen, had surgery TWICE on his knees. We are hoping he will be up dancing soon. Cards of cheer for both go to: 11910 W Carr Ave. Wichita, KS. 67209.

With the Virus all over the country, we wish everyone good health and stay safe.

Respectfully Submitted,
PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

Ways to STAY CONNECTED... Think Outside The Box

FreeConferenceCall.com : Create an account and chat with up to 1000 people at once, video conference available too. All for free!

Facebook Messenger: This Facebook app is primarily used for text chats, games and money transfers, but it also has video and audio call features that can connect up to six people at once.

Google Duo: Google Duo is available for Apple and Android phones and computers. Up to eight people can be included in one call.

Google Hangouts: Up to 10 people can participate in video conference via Google Hangout, which is available on multiple platforms.

Houseparty: This app can host video chats with up to eight people. It is available for Apple. It also has a few game capabilities.

Skype: Skype is the top dog of video chat apps, allowing up to 50 people to participate in a call.

WhatsApp: WhatsApp is popular for instant messaging but also has a video chat platform that allows up to four people to come together at a time.

Zoom: Zoom video chats can connect up to 100 people at one time in the app's free version. A paid subscription, starting at \$14.99 per month, allows even more participants.

Marco Polo: Marco Polo is a video app, allows users to leave video messages for each other on the app. Multiple users allowed in each conversation.

FROM the OFFICE

Office email: mclahq@nationalmcla.org Please use this email to contact HQ, I do not check the aol account— it has become bogged down with spam.

If your unit has a new EIN number and was not found on the parent list you will be contacted by HQ or Linda Chamberlain so we can correct this. Our goal is to have all units on the parent list !

Please remember to sign the Unit Cover sheet. Unit Treasurers and Dept Treasurers both need to sign all copies. This is how HQ knows they have been done by the Unit Treasurer and reviewed by the Dept Treasurer. Thanks!

Bylaws Changes are due to HQ 90 days before convention.

please send to HQ emailed or postmarked prior to that date

SECTION 800 - AMENDMENTS - *The National Bylaws may be revised, amended or repealed every year by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates present and voting at a National Convention, provided the proposed revision, amendment or repeal is submitted in triplicate typewritten form in the exact wording to National Headquarters, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the opening date of the National Convention at which said proposal is to be considered.*

Send Activity Reports no Later Than July 1st to:

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SHIP STORE ...

The Store has moved the inventory onto the Square point of sale platform. When a purchase is made the receipt will be either emailed or texted immediately to the purchaser. Square allows the committee members the ability to see sales and inventory in real time.

Don't forget we have lots of new items... Garment Bags, EGA Necklaces, Blankets, Sunglass Cases, Padfolios, EGA Christmas Ornaments, Polos and Tunics.

Orders will be processed once a week.



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INTANGIBLE,
AND ACHIEVES THE
IMPOSSIBLE."**



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