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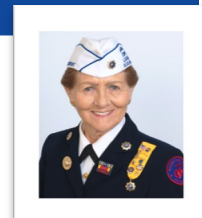
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greeting Auxiliary Members!

Convention Reports are coming in as I write this article. It is encouraging to see what has been accomplished this year.

We may not have our National Convention; however, there are many things happening behind the scenes to keep our members informed. Reports will be on the website as of August 9th and remain on the site until October 1st. You can download or print these reports to share with members who do not have access to the website:

<http://www.nationalmcla.org/>.

The Board is working on replacing the National Secretary. Karen Grady has done a great job for us over the last four years. This is not an easy task. The new person coming into this position will have an easier time getting orientated into the job because of the efficiency of our current secretary.

The year 2019-2020 ended June 30th, audit has been completed, and the new year's books are already in progress. One of the busiest times of the year for the office is coming soon, the processing of transmittals for each unit. Pray we find the right person for this important job.

Due to many factors the new units, unveiled at Mid-Winter, have been delayed in completing their paperwork to be an official Unit. The Holy City Unit, South Carolina, is now up and running. Welcome aboard ladies! The Foothills Unit, North Carolina & the Lewis & Clark Leathernecks Unit, South Dakota final paperwork has been sent to National Headquarters. Initiation and Installation of Officers should happen soon. Each of these units will be a super addition to the already hard-working units across the nation.

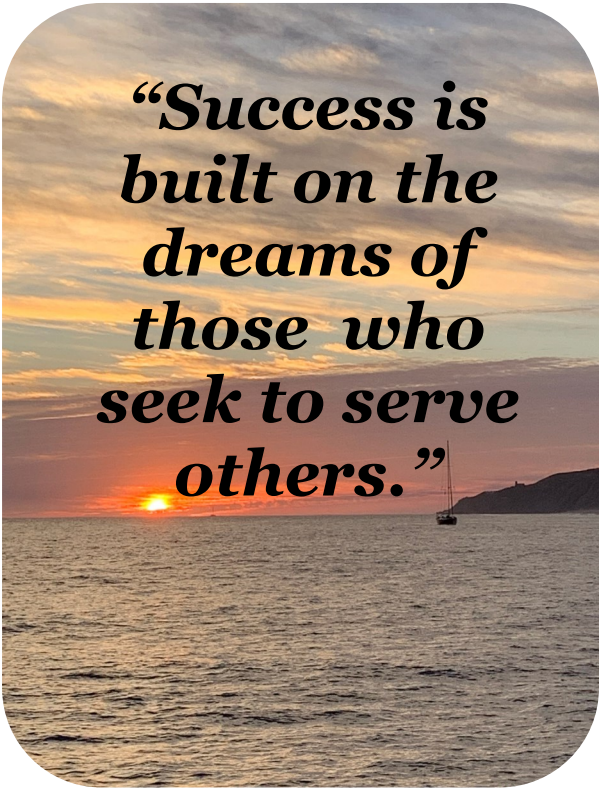
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We have lost many of our valued members this past year who have gained their higher award. They will be missed! Many of our members need prayers and cards. Thanks to all who continue to make those calls & send cards. PNP Barb Nobile does a super job of keeping us informed.

Help the Auxiliary shine and stay informed. If your unit is doing various great things, take pictures, write an article, and send to

MCLA-Newsletters@nationalmcla.org.

Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn Joppa
National President



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



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SR Vice President

ARE WE
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Under normal circumstances, this is where I would be reminding all Past, Present and Future Presidents to join me at lunch time for President's Council. Unfortunately, thanks to COVID-19, not this year. I will surely miss seeing all of you and the good interaction we have during the council and the entire convention business sessions, as well as the personal, catch-up time we spend with each other during our free time.

Just because we are not having an actual convention doesn't mean I cannot do a Newsletter President's Council and give everyone - not just presidents - something to think about until we meet again at Mid-Winter.

This Council session will be in two parts. Part One: LEADERSHIP. Merriam-Webster defines the noun "leadership" as the "office or position of a leader, capacity to lead, the act or an instance of leading."

According to Indeed's Career Guide, the ten common leadership styles or types are as follows: Coach, Visionary, Servant, Autocratic, Laissez-faire or hands-off, Democratic, Pacesetter, Transformational, Transactional and Bureaucratic. Which one of the above styles/types do you think best describes you?

Which style/type do you think your members would say best describes you?

Part Two: MENTOR, as defined by Merriam-Webster – "a trusted counselor or guide." Now, just

what is the role of a mentor? A mentor may share with a mentee (or protégé) information about his or her own career path, as well as provide guidance, motivation, emotional support, and role modeling. A mentor may help with exploring careers, setting goals, developing contacts and identifying resources. (Do-It University of Washington). So, now I ask you - what type of mentor are/were you? How would your members rate you as a mentor?

I will be expanding on both of these topics again at the President's Council session at the Mid-Winter Conference, where I will have the definitions of the leadership types/styles and even a leadership style quiz.

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your National Senior Vice President this past year, and I look forward to the year ahead and working with all of you to further the good works of our beloved Auxiliary.

In closing, I would also like to thank Madam President for her hard work and dedication to our Auxiliary during these most trying of times.

Until next month - Be Safe.

Semper Fidelis,
Linda S. Chamberlain
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JR Vice President

DOG DAYS
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ARE HERE

I pray that everyone stays safe and protected from the pandemic and that you and your family members treasure the time together.

August is the month when we all need to turn in our transmittals – woo-hoo!! Presidents, if your Treasurer is having trouble with it, and you are not able to assist her, please seek guidance from your Department Treasurer or Division Vice President. Furthermore, I am confident that there are several ladies in your Unit, Department and Division who are willing and able to assist.

It is extremely important that your Unit transmittals are turned in to your Department, or to National if you do not have a Department, in a timely manner. Why, you ask? Here are just a few reasons:

The payment of annual National membership dues entitles all members in good standing to subscribe to the Marine Corps League publication.

The membership year and annual dues shall expire annually on the 31st day August of each year.

The Scholarship Committee has to certify that the MCLA sponsor is a paid member.

Refer to Enclosure 19 of the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for helpful instructions. Remember the first Cover Sheet and transmittal should include all of your Life Members. Then complete transmittal pages for your Regular Members and Associate members along with the Bond Fee. Lastly, please ensure all copies are legible. If you use a computer and type the information in, you can simply make the necessary copies to send forward. However, if you handwrite the information PLEASE confirm it is legible.

The final numbers are in for Memberships and we have suffered a loss of 189 members over last year. Some of our wonderful members have passed away. Moreover, some Units have folded but did not transfer to another Unit nor did they become Members at Large. In fact, we actually have 29 less MAL's than last year. Does that mean some did transfer to new Units? It is possible. Equally important, our members did enroll 35 new Life Members, 4 New Associate Life Members, 161 New Regular Members and 27 New Associate Members. Job well done, recruiters!

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On the other hand, other recruiters who did not sign their names on the application form do not get to hear a job well done. Yes, you did recruit a new member but we are unable to say thank you because we don't who, specifically, recruited the new member. Unfortunately we cannot give you 25 recruiters kudos as well as the other 79 fantastic Auxiliary members who recruited at least one new member.

Speaking of those exemplary members, would you like to know who they are? That information can be found in my Membership Report. However, I can tell you here and now that of the top three recruiters all of them are from the Southeast Division, one of them has a Department but the other two do not. Does that narrow it down for you? Please make sure you read that report on the website, we have superb recruiting leaders that we can learn from.

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President

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From The Office

It has been a pleasure working with the MCLA! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through emails and calls. Thanks so much for all the love!

I am looking forward to being near family, but I will be sure to train the next National Secretary to the best of my ability.

- Karen G

Please send your transmittals and bonds asap! If you have questions please ask.

Judge Advocate

Do Not...

Greetings from Michigan,

My Unit held our first meeting last night since this all started. While we did not have enough officers to make motions on financial matters, we still held a meeting. After the meeting we worked on our “star card” and cool tie projects. The best part of the meeting was we accepted a new member into our Unit! There are people out there who want to belong to something good. Many people have been forced to stop and slow down on the other things that have overtaken our lives. Don't let the opportunity to introduce and recruit ladies into the MCLA fold.

Many units are in a place of uncertainty. There is uncertainty as to how many ladies are active in their membership roles and if you can organize anything, how the face of fundraising will be conducted in the near future, or how many people will attend a meeting once meetings are allowed to resume, as allowed by local government.

To this uncertainty I say keep moving. Do whatever it takes to stay connected to one another, while following safe social distances and being vigilant about safety measures.

Out of sight out of mind is a common idiom for a reason. Do NOT let your Unit and members forget about the good works our beloved auxiliary does for our veterans, community, and Marines. Once is allowable, schedule your meetings. If not enough people show up to have a quorum to conduct business due to personal concerns or conflict, turn that meeting into a workshop where you can bounce recruitment, fundraising, retainment, and project ideas off one another. Do not let it go to waste. Use it as time to continue exploring one another's strengths as you churn ideas into plans to be presented to your Unit once a quorum can be in attendance. Do not be stifled about having to be physically separated from one another. Continue to move forward. I challenge you all to think of ideas to try new things during this odd time.

With that being said I also want you to think outside the box as it comes to completing projects in your community. Literally, “outside the box”. Perhaps you could ship supplies to members so you are still doing something together. For some this might be cutting out & pressing mask materials and having them ready for the “seamstresses” in your group to



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pick up in a box on your front porch or ship to her in the mail. These can then be advertised as “free” to veterans in your community who need one. You can mail these to individuals or donate them to a VA hospital or nursing home. For other units, “outside the box” might look like the women in your unit and their household members assembling craft kits to donate to daycare centers, women’s shelters, or other community organizations. Don’t forget to take pictures of your hard work!

Therefore, I encourage you... “think outside the box”. Just keep moving forward, modifying activities, meetings, and projects with what your members feel comfortable with and local government allows. But whatever you do please don’t stop connecting with each other. We must not let our beloved auxiliary become “out of sight, out of mind”. I am so excited to see how units across the country will take this challenge....



NOW GO!

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate

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"A Bakeless Bake Sale"

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Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee

Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief and Peggy Tuohy





BEGIN EACH DAY WITH A GREATFUL HEART.

Jeanette Geise * 7/15/2020 West Central Illinois Leathernecks. Cards of condolence to husband, Tom Geise and daughter Candi Maas, Both at 1625 Lind Quincy, Ill. 62301-2425.

Millie Herrington* 7/11/2020 Hardware City Unit, CT. Cards of condolence to daughter, Kathleen Bagioni, 50 Woodside Drive, Tolland. CT. 06084.

Ruby Bladorn* 4/23/2020, Assoc Member, Southwestern Wisconsin Unit, next of kin, Marier Frier, 3212 Danbury drive, Janesville, WI 53546

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Margo Reed from the Dept of Missouri lost her husband Bob, who was Dept of Missouri Commandant. Condolences to Margo at: 2 Woodpath Lane, St.Peter's. MO, 63376.

Wanda Sweet, Southeast Assistant Division VP, lost her dear husband Archie. Cards of condolence: 1801 Havenwood, Lancaster, SC. 29720.

HPNP Lynn Laberge, Our faithful Convention secretary mourns the passing of her granddaughter. Cards for Lynn go to: 1695 SE Colerain Circle, The Villages, Florida, 32162.

Roslyn Smith lost her youngest son unexpectedly. Cards of condolence: 6724 Glencoe Street, Inverness, Florida 34452-7128.

Colleen English is having another round of chemo and then tests to see if her cancer that has returned is responding. Cards of encouragement may be mailed to: 3212 Glen Crest Lane, Denton, TX. 76208.

Wilma Allen could use our thoughts and prayers as she helps her husband, Bryson. Bryson had several knee surgeries and had infection often after each. Ultimately they had to remove his leg. The prognosis is that in a year he will be moving around with a new prosthesis. Cards go to: 11910 West Carr Ave. Wichita, KS. 67209-3293.

Flint Unit President, Joan Kuhne has shoulder replacement surgery and is now home recovering. Joan is the mother of our National JA, Mary Brief. Cards for Joan: 243 Walnut St. Frankenmuth, MI. 48734.

Barry Georgopolus wanted to express his gratitude for all the cards and emails

and prayers. He says he cannot thank us all enough for our support during his time of need.

PNP Karen Aune is in need of our prayers as she goes through radiation for cancer that has spread. Karen has a new address, please send cheerful greetings to: 46 Cypress in the Woods, Port Orange, and FL. 32129.

Upper Darby Pa Unit member, Joan Maslo Morris is in need of our prayers. Her 29 year old son had been missing for 2 days and was found dead. Please keep Joan in your prayers at this terrible time. Condolences to Joan and family, 521 Chalfront Ave. Folcroft, PA. 19032.

Marion Unit member from Florida, Nancy Welch has aggressive cancer and will start chemo soon. Cards may be sent to: 1732 NE 5th Street, Ocala, FL. 34470.

Assistant National Chaplain, Tracey Killinger had a nodule removed from her neck. We are all saying prayers for her; 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy. S. Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP National Chaplain, *Barb Nobile*, PNP

NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org

As I set to write this article, I am happy to say that the Midwest Division is growing. The application for a charter is on its way to our National office. The ladies of the Lewis and Clark Unit in Yankton, SD are eager and ready to go.

As many of the Units in the Midwest Division are struggling to meet in person, they are moving on using many different ways to support our Marines and Veterans. Donna Jean Peterson of the Forrset G James Unit has finished her 101st quilt for the local veteran's home. The ladies of the Southwest Missouri Unit held their annual flower sale and benefited Isabela's House with their proceeds. The ladies of the Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Unit are still feeding their League after each meeting and are now gearing up for Operation Christmas Child. The Cornhuskers League of Sisters are getting ready for the Irreverent Warriors Silkie Hike, they will be serving drinks and snacks at rest stations as well as the evening meal.

While getting together for a meeting, fund raiser or event many of our ladies are still working for the auxiliary and the veterans.

Please be safe and keep up the good work each of you are doing.

Midwest Division VP

Darlene Mac Cubbin

From All Division President Blanca Lucas:

It has been a year so far and I must say how grateful I am to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, as a newly elected unit president All Division members, the former presidents especially Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Bryan, an encouragement and motivation, I am very humble. In addition, I had a family loss, my cousin who I grew up with was in a car accident passed away and the MCLA support-thoughts and prayers lifted me.

As a former Navy Corpsman my words would be Semper Fortis, yet as a Unit president and wife to a Marine, with all the love in my heart say Semper Fi.

How does your unit Attract members?

Displaying colors in public places. I have always loved the display of colors from our former Presidents... it speaks of pride and commitment, during our last "Car Park Meeting".

Wearing our polo shirts— I believe it is a positive way of attracting new members , also we participate in All Divisions MCL Detachment 281 Scuttlebutt newspaper, as a way to introduce League families and keeping the kinship.



Job Opening: SECRETARY for Marine Corps League Auxiliary

This is a highly responsible position as the National Secretary for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary (MCLA) headquarters located in Stafford, VA.

Secretary must be able to work independently, along with taking direction from the National MCLA President.

Preferred experience:

Quick books
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Telephone skills required
Organizational skills
Square experience is a plus

Duties include but not exclusive:

Being able to work with many different types of personalities
Tracking membership and dues
Pay expenditures and make deposits on a timely manner
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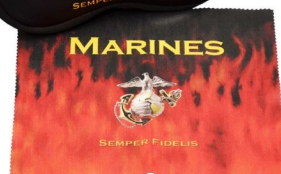
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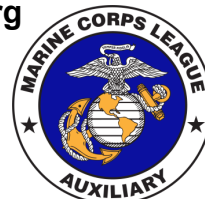
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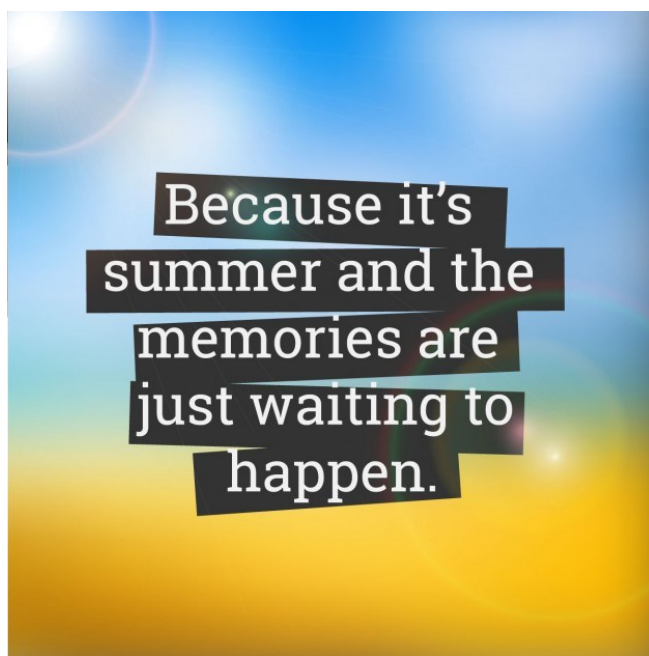
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