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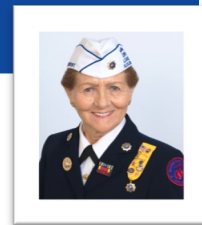
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Merry Christmas!

Best wishes for a joyous season with family and friends.

My how time flies! This has certainly been a year for the books as being different! The best is yet to come; expect the best and marvel when the best comes.

The auxiliary has found innovative ways to accomplish our goals and objectives during this pandemic. It is far from normal but successful despite the issues.

Each challenge is an opportunity to test our resolve and willingness to meet the demands of each new issue! Our members are ready and willing. Continue to look for and encourage new ideas as we go about each task.

Look around you and speak of all the great things your members are doing. Many are looking out for our active duty service men and women, veterans who need assistance in several ways, the families of veterans, and our communities who are in need. One of my favorite things to do this holiday season is helping the Toys for Tots program and our hospitalized veterans. The smiles are priceless! Each of us has an important roll to play. Thank you for continuing to do all the things you do so well to keep our organization strong.

Every day we hear of new and old challenges facing each and everyone. Please continue to make those phone calls, send those cheerful cards, and visit when you can. These things make a huge difference in all our lives.

The Board of Trustees voted to have our new National Secretary, Ramona Smith, attend the Mid-Winter Staff Conference. This is an opportunity for Ramona to learn more about the Auxiliary, assist the great crew in the ships store, and meet each of you.

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I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Mid-Winter Staff Conference February 25-27, 2021. All are welcome. It is a great opportunity for you to see your Board of Trustees and committees in action. The deadline is February 5. Please get your reservation in early as numbers are limited. Pray for a decrease in the Covid-19 virus, so that we may conduct our business in person.

May Your Holidays be a Blessing! Be Safe, Be Well!

Semper Fidelis,

President Evelyn Joppa



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built on the
dreams of
those who
seek to serve
others.”***

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Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief and Peggy Tuohy



FROM THE OFFICE

Wishing you all the joy and wonders of Christmas...

May the festive season fill your life with bright happy moments...

And bring you lots of sweet and pleasant surprises.

Merry Christmas!!!!

SR Vice President

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This isn't the article I had originally planned for this month's Newsletter, but when my idea and the words just would not come together, I adapted and overcame and switched to plan B. I am going to write about Tootsie Rolls; that's right, those chocolate-flavored gooey candies we enjoyed as kids and the significance they hold with the Marine Corps.

During the Korean War, the First Marine Division met the enemy at the Chang Jin mountain reservoir (aka Chosin Reservoir, or "The Frozen Chosin") in subfreezing temperatures. When they ran out of ammunition, Marines called in for 60mm mortar ammo...code name "Tootsie Rolls." Now, the radio operator did not have the code sheets to tell him what "Tootsie Roll" was, but he knew the request was urgent, so he called in the order. All of a sudden, low and behold, pallets of Tootsie Roll candies were parachuted from the sky to the First Marine Division! This is not exactly what they were expecting but, being Marines, they adapted and put the candy to good use, providing well-needed nourishment for the troops. They also found that if warmed (chewed), the Tootsies became pliable and could be used as a type of putty to plug bullet holes, sealing them as they refroze.



Tootsie
Roll
Connection

Over two weeks of nonstop fighting, the 15,000-man Division suffered 3,000 killed in action and 6,000 wounded, with thousands more suffering from frostbite. The Marines accomplished their goal and destroyed several Chinese divisions in the process. Many survived because of the gooey, chocolate-flavored candy known as Tootsie Rolls. Those Marines who survived are known as "The Chosen Few."

To thank the members of our Detachment this year, I gave each member in attendance at our November meeting a baggie with Tootsie Rolls and this little story.

In closing, I would like to say what I originally planned to write, and that is:



*My wish for you and yours is a season filled
with warm moments and cherished
memories, and a New Year filled with
Peace, Happiness and Good Health.*

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain

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JR Vice President

Discussing Plans

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

As I sit here in quarantine I have plenty of time to speculate on how we will be able to be together with our loved ones and Auxiliary family during the upcoming holidays. Our family is planning to be together for Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, all plans are subject to change of course. Although there is something I do know about making plans and that is to share them with others. If you hold a position in your Unit, Department, Division or serve on a National committee you took an oath to assist each other and each level of our organization has a chain of command to be followed. The President has the Senior Vice President to support her, thus the Senior Vice President has the Junior Vice President, and so on. You are not alone and should not feel that you have to shoulder the responsibilities of your office alone.

If you are getting ready for a meeting and have a special project to discuss with your Unit but then cannot attend the meeting, contact the next woman in your chain of command. They cannot lend assistance to your project if they do not know about it. Do you have a regular officer's meeting or teleconference? How are you conveying your plans? We should all have someone who could step in to take over if need be. We cannot expect anyone in our chain of command to know what needs to be done if that information is not freely shared. Moreover, as we are in such uncertain times it is imperative that we teach and help each other, what we do and how we do it, and how we fulfill our positions. Knowledge does not do any good if you keep it to yourself.

Last year at this time I was writing Christmas cards to all of our Auxiliary Members-at-Large. This year I think I will get out my old address books and send Christmas greetings to the many, many people that I have not been able to see in person. That is my plan. Actually, that sounds like a plan that I could share with my Unit. I believe there are many ladies in our Units across the country that we have not seen for a while who would probably appreciate a Christmas card. On the other hand, a telephone call is also a great way to touch base with someone. Does your Unit have a telephone tree or someone who makes calls to absent members? If not, you may want to consider finding a special woman to fill this role. Whether you send Unit Christmas cards or have a telephone tree set up, remember to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sounds weird, doesn't it - have a Merry Christmas. They are such simple words that have quite a different meaning to all of us this year. Not only is our country being ravaged by COVID-19 illness we are also still mostly physically

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apart from our loved ones and Auxiliary family. Another word that has new meaning now is 'together'. Speaking of which, the definition of together (from the internet of course):

(1) With or in proximity to another person or people; (2) into companionship or close association.

As a matter of fact I believe we are still together; if you consider the second definition we ARE still together. So, let us be 'together' and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, after all.

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Judge Advocate

Living the Code

Integrity, Responsibility, Loyalty

Living the Code is what we all should strive to obtain in our Organization. What does this mean to us as MCLA Unit members?

We must have the integrity of being honest and having strong moral principles. This means being part of the whole and being undivided in unity & honor in everything we do.

Responsibility is the one thing that is required of you in your membership with your Unit. You need to become involved, work together, and not forget why you joined the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Being responsible also means being accountable in how you conduct yourself as a MCLA member. Whether you are a member or officer, you need to do your part by attending meetings and become active with the MCLA. This may not always be easy, especially during this upheaval time of the Covid 19 pandemic however, there are many creative members out there that have found ways to continue helping our Veterans. With that being said, it does not mean that we might each have our own differing ideas on how to approach and in which process a goal or project should be completed. Yet it is the responsibility of the members to learn to give and take, to find a common solution. Don't let different ideas on how to conduct projects get in the way as it is safe to say that we all have the same goal of wanting to help our Veterans. Let's keep promoting the good works we do and have fun doing them!

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When I looked up the definition of Loyalty, it stated that loyalty is to have a commitment to a group and/or a cause, to have a strong support of allegiance, faithfulness, and obedience.

What does this mean as MCLA members? We have all been initiated as a new member, whether it was just a few months or many years ago. We saw the following items, the Globe, the Anchor, the Bald Eagle, the Star, and the American Flag emblems which are representative of what our Marines have given and sacrificed for us. We took the oath of obligation to comply with all the laws and regulations of this Auxiliary and be loyal, thereto; to bear true allegiance to the government of the United States, and to our Flag, Constitution, and Laws. All this was promised on your honor.



Even though this is a volunteer organization, we have to continue to “Live the Code” under the oath we took. Being a MCLA member doesn’t have to be stressful. Please share with me the different ways you and your Unit have been able to continue to support Veterans in your group projects by sending them to me at nationalja@nationalmcla.org. I look forward to seeing your creativity and would like to share some of those projects and the ways you implemented them in my next article.

Let us begin to encourage and inspire one another once again by sharing our innovative ideas as we showcase our integrity, responsibility, and loyalty to one another and our Marines.

**I pray that You and your family stay safe, healthy,
and have a Merry Christmas!**

God Bless,

Mary Brief

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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..

**THE SPACES OUR LOVED ONES LEAVE BEHIND ARE SHADOWY AND BLEAK;
MEMORIES OF THEM ARE SORE TO THE TOUCH AND LACK THE PEACE WE
SEEK. BUT EVEN THE DEEPEST OF WOUNDS WILL MEND; ALWAYS KNOW
YOU'VE DONE YOUR BEST. THE LOVE THAT YOU'VE CULTURED FOR ALL
THESE YEARS, WILL GUARD THEM AS THEY REST.**

CAROLYN GILL – 7-10-2020 – Jack Ivy Unit, NJ. Condolences to Josh Gill,
2206 Cherrywood Clementon, J 08021.

DOTTIE J HABBEN – 10-24-2020 Sauk Valley Unit, IL. Condolences to
brother- Al McDearmon, 18781 Felton, Rd. Morrison, IL.

MARY ROSE CROWLEY – Holiday Unit, FL. Condolences to daughter,
Alta Driscoll Adams, 2449 Roseland Dr. Holiday , FL.

MARIE MCCUTCHIN- 11-10-2020-Columbia River Unit, WA. Condolences
to husband Bill, 2610 E Section St. #71, Mount Vernon, WA. 98274-6106.

BETTY COLLETTE- 11-14-2020 –Southwest Missouri Unit, MO. Condo-
lences to son, Ernie Collette, 2954 W Sexton Dr. Springfield, MO 65810.

Glenda Travis needed our prayers following cataract surgery. Cards of cheer
for her go to Glenda Travis, 5258 Mundella Circle, Port Charlotte, FL.33948.

PNP Nancy Galvin (1992-1993) has difficulty walking and now lives with
her daughter. She could sure use our cards of encouragement, 646 Evelyn
Ave. East Meadow, NY. 1154-5427.

Debra Taylor, Central MO Unit member, lost her father, who had been a
trooper for the Missouri state Hwy. Cards of condolence may be sent to her
at: Debra Taylor, 814 Jace Dale Ct. Jefferson City, MO, 65109.

Larry Nehring Unit member, Amy Nehring needs our urgent prayers. Amy is
the niece of the Marine the detachment is named for; she had a freak accident
that had her in the U of Iowa hospitals for 7 weeks. On Sept 13th she
suffered a near complete amputation of her foot and broken bones. She has
nursing, physical therapist and occupational therapist on hand several times a
week. Please send her greetings at _730 34th Street, West Des Moines, Ia.
50265



PNP Carol Smith lost her sister Nancy McBride to cancer. Cards of
condolence may be mailed to Carol at: 1411 W Walnut St. Jacksonville, IL.
62650-1102. CON'T

Dept of New York Dept President had not been feeling well and was diagnosed with Lyme disease. Please keep her in your thoughts, Nancy Lewosko, 2105 Albany Street, Frankfort, NY 13340.

Let us huddle together this day, our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit. We extend our thoughts to all those are cold this day, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from our fear as the earth is insulated by the snow. And, like the bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside despite the cold, ready, for spring to stretch and grow.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season.

PNP Barbara Nobile National MCLA Chaplain

Programs of Pride

Spring Hill Det 708 & Spring Hill 137 Auxiliary

Proudly supports the youth by awarding each year the Horace L. Smith Scholarships to deserving College students. The program is promoted and managed by long time auxiliary

Member Barbara Smith in memory of Marine Smith with the assistance of the league and auxiliary. All scholarships are awarded to granddaughters of members.



Emily Rottino



Abigail Joppa



Chiara Tamburrino



Brianna Ferandez

Season's Greetings from the Ships Store Crew

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME IDEAS FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON ON YOUR LIST
PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE ITEMS AND MORE ON OUR MCLA WEBSITE.

(PLEASE USE THE REGULAR ORDER FORM)

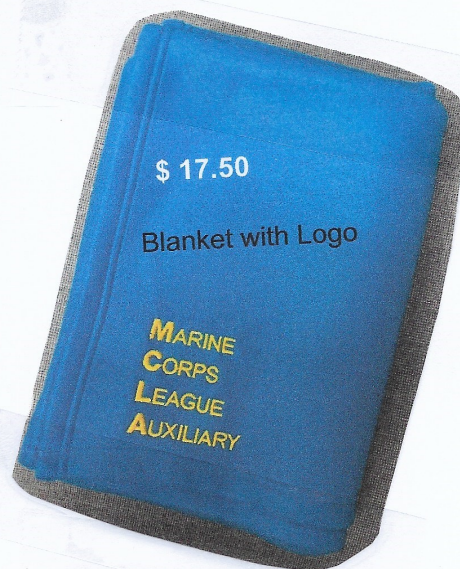


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Sunglass Case

\$11.95



Blanket with Logo

MARINE
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Christmas Ornament Blue (EGA)

\$8.00



USMC Pin

\$10.00



Ear Rings Gold Plated

Ear Rings Two Tone

Necklace EGA two Tone



Tote Blue w/Logo

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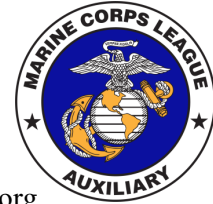
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