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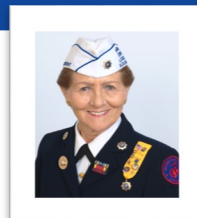
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National President Evelyn Joppa



WELCOME TO FEBRUARY!

As I write this article, Florida has been experiencing 80-degree weather. The term “only in Florida” certainly applies.

Winter weather casts snow and cold across this great nation. Remember Spring is coming. Hopefully sooner than later. Be safe, be warm!

Our new website is up and running. Information has been updated. The format is easy to navigate through. All forms are interactive. The Ship's Store information and order forms are easy to find. Check it out. Leanna Dietrich and Marti Kline, with the assistance of our National Secretary Karen Grady, have spent a great deal of time on this project... www.nationalmcla.org.

As we prepare for the Mid-Winter Staff meeting, please remember this is open to all members. It is a staff meeting, and typically, the Board of Trustees will be the ones speaking and conducting business. This conference is a perfect opportunity for members to see national officers in action as we

discuss Auxiliary business and move the organization forward. It is informative and a great learning experience. Here you have the chance to see the responsibilities for each position and what the Auxiliary needs to support our strength and grow our membership. Please join us if you can.

It will soon be time for the annual reports to be completed. All forms are on the web site. Please read the instructions carefully to make sure you are taking credit for all you do. But, also be sure the information you are reporting is as accurate as possible. This information is delivered to the MCL each year. Our auxiliaries do a lot for our Marines, veterans and community; the League is always impressed by all you do. Continue to report the wonderful things your unit members have accomplished this year.

The National Salute to Veteran Patients is celebrated the 14th

National President (con't)

of February each year to say thank you to a special group of veterans who are cared for every day in the VA Medical centers, outpatients' clinics, domiciliarys and nursing homes. Please help our MCLA VA Representatives and Deputies with this important activity.

Please keep all service men and women, our members, and their families in prayer.

Look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter. "Safe Travels!"

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



Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn B Joppa

100 Fundraising Ideas

<https://www.eventbrite.com/blog/fundraising-ideas-ds00/>

Don't get discouraged when it comes to fund raising... get creative!

Fashion shows, treasure hunts, red cup party, photo auction, haircuts, tip night, buddy runs, poker tournament, stair climbing contest, bowl-a-thon, world-record attempts, casino night, yoga, pie throwing contest, seedling sale and so many more creative options are just a click away.



Ladies Fundraiser Paint Night

Friday Feb 28th

At Mid-Winter

\$30

Partial Proceeds benefit our Memorial Fund

Join National President Evelyn for a Paint Party!

**We will be guided by a local artist, Heather Donis, throughout the evening!
She will provide the easels, canvas, paints, palettes, brushes and
instructions so you can take home a one of a kind *Work of Art!***

Please send the completed form below to HQ by February 15th.

MCLA Paint Night:

Mid-Winter Fun, Friday Feb 28th 7:30 \$30 Check or credit card

NAME _____

UNIT _____

Credit card _____

Exp Date _____ CVC _____ ZIP _____

NEW ITEMS

New items are available at Mid-Winter!

Stop by the Ship Store and check them out!

Not coming to Mid-Winter??? Ask a friend to pick them up!!!



Tunic
\$23



Blanket
\$17.50



Necklace
\$17.95



Metal Decal
\$7.50



Heather Polo
\$31

Garment Bag
\$31
No Logo on the
garment bag



No Logo on the
portfolio, inside
pocket and pen
holder. Offered
in Red and Blue.



Padfolio
\$7.25



Eyeglass Case /
Golf Ball Tee Case
\$11.95



Christmas
Ornament
\$8

Ship Store will be closed until after Mid-Winter for inventory and Mid-Winter prep.

SR Vice President

Let's talk
about
Insurance !
...
RUST
INSURANCE
...
HUH?

This month let's talk about insurance: No, not health, life, homeowners or car, but the Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage the Marine Corps League Auxiliary has through Rust Insurance Agency, LLC. We have not spoken about this coverage in quite some time. Some of you may have forgotten it exists, and our newer units may not be aware of it at all.

The insurance is designed to protect you against claims alleging negligence that causes injuries to third parties (persons other than members). It does not cover suits brought against a member by another. This not an accident insurance policy for our members and was never intended to be such a policy.

The Certificate of Insurance should be permanently retained in your Unit files. If you are required to provide evidence of insurance and/or add another party as an "Additional Insured," a Special Event Questionnaire (Certificate of Insurance Request Form) will need to be completed for the Rust Insurance Agency. The questionnaire can be completed online at RUSTMCL.com (it is not case sensitive). Any contract that you sign should be reviewed for insurance requirements – adding an Additional Insured requires underwriting approval.

Events that exceed 150 attendees where you would be serving alcohol to the public, and golf tournaments where you would be providing the alcohol would require additional underwriting to determine eligibility/charge from Travelers Insurance.

All of the above information has been taken from the Rust Insurance Agency LLC Letter from William P. Simons, IV, President, dated September 2019, to the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Military Order of Devil Dogs and Devil Dog Fleas. I hope you have found this information enlightening. The Letter, Summary of Coverages, Certificate of Liability Insurance and the Marine Corps League et. al. Special Event Questionnaire (Certificate of Insurance Request Form) can all be downloaded from the MCL website at <https://www.mclnational.org/event-insurance.html>.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Mid-Winter Conference at the end of the month in Norfolk, VA.

Remember, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Why not share a hug or a handshake with a veteran and make their day a little brighter?

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice President

NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org



JR Vice President

Resolutions, Knitting Lessons, and Members-at- Large

I finally did it, ladies. I took down my Christmas tree and stored it away until December. According to Good Housekeeping, many Christians have marked the end of the Christmas season on the Twelfth Night, or 12 nights after Christmas. There are those that will leave their decorations up all year so they can enjoy glad tidings everyday – thankfully artificial trees are available! Personally, the artificial poinsettia wreath I made for my front door still looks pretty good against our winter snow so I am not quite ready to store it away. Christmas may be over, nevertheless, that doesn't mean you can't carry good tidings and joy to everyone for the remainder of the year.

Another tradition at the turn of the year is to make New Year Resolutions. Simply put, a resolution is just a firm decision to do or not to do something. Typically, some resolutions you may hear are to lose weight, to exercise more, to eat less, to visit residents in nursing homes, etc. All of these sound respectable for a personal resolution, but has your Unit ever considered making a collective resolution? If each Unit, across the nation, could adopt a resolution to recruit one new member this year, then who knows how many new members our organization could gain in 2020! Additionally, you can

make a resolution at any time. If your Unit does meet the resolution to recruit one new member then you can most certainly keep it going! Who knows, perhaps you will recruit several new members together, as a Unit.

One of my own resolutions was to learn to knit. I attempted to teach myself, however, I am not ready to make the change from crocheting to knitting, for now. Nonetheless, I am not giving up on this resolution; I still have some wintry months coming up to work on this project. A winter project I did not wait on was to send each **Member-at-Large** a Christmas card. I mailed around 135 cards in December. Sadly, I have received 19 back in the mail as undeliverable because the member is no longer at that address. **Members-at-Large**, if you did not receive a Christmas card from me, please contact our National Secretary Karen Grady at Headquarters with your correct address. To all members, if you know any **Member-at-Large** please ask them if they received a Christmas card from me. If they have not, it could mean we have an incorrect address on file. On the other hand, I did receive some lovely notes back from **Members-at-Large** whose addresses were correct: Carole in Colorado, Mary Ann in New York, Kathleen in Maryland, and Pat in Florida.

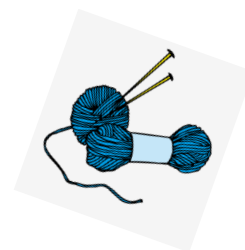
JR Vice President con't

It should be easier to know when our Unit members are in need of prayers or a kind word. It is not so easy to know when our **Members-at-Large** could use a prayer or two. We should not forget about the **Members-at-Large** that may be in poor health, or no longer have the ability to go to a meeting, or perhaps they have simply relocated and are not aware of a Unit in their area.

Moreover, I plan to contact their Division Vice Presidents for assistance in connecting these ladies with someone in their area. Perhaps somebody will want a pen pal. Do you remember those? Connecting with **Members-at-Large**, recruiting new members, having a pen pal, and knitting – these should not be lost arts.

I will attend the Mid-Winter Staff Conference, February (in Norfolk, Virginia), if anyone is eager to give me a knitting lesson or two...

Dotty Sanning, National Junior Vice President



Register ►

CONFERENCES.... When is yours???

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Norfolk, VA - Feb 25 - March 1

for details and to register follow the link below:

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

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

for details and to register follow the link below:

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

CENTRAL DIVISION: Louisville, KY April 2-4, 2020

Holiday Inn East 1325 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy

502-426-2600



SOUTHERN DIVISION: Tyler, TX March 20-21, 2020

Holiday Inn Conference Center 5701 South Broadway

903-561-5800 www.hitylertx.com

SOUTHEAST DIVISION: Warner Robins, GA March 26-29, 2020

Courtyard By Marriott 589 Carl Vinson Parkway

478-602-6200 <http://www.sediv.org/conference.php>

Judge Advocate

Hope for our units... on the brink of closing

Every Unit has worked hard for our Veterans and communities, and you should be proud of yourselves! Unfortunately, there have been some units closing in the Auxiliary. Please remember there are procedures and processes that need to be followed to relinquish a Charter if you find yourself in that position.

Some of our Units are "aging" out, and thus are having difficulties recruiting new members to have the minimum quorum. There are specific steps outlined in the bylaws that need to be followed when a Unit decides to close. The Unit must first notify their Department, or Division Vice President, (if no Department exists), PRIOR to the final decision of surrendering the Charter.

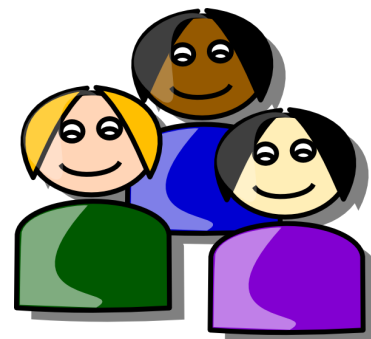
Often times the question as to "WHY?" is asked by a member of the unit wishing to close. Why must you notify a Department President or Division Vice President? It really is a simple answer: Hope. Our By-laws allow the charter of a unit in the process of closing to be held at the Department and to remain in a closed state for two years with the hope that it can be revived. However, closure of a Unit MUST be done in a concise way, following certain steps.

There are times when a Unit can be saved by involving others to help revive recruitment efforts with new and exciting ideas. Your Unit has a legacy it's created, you should try all that you can to preserve and save that legacy by opening your mind and heart. Thankfully our bylaws allow for such hope in revival, please take advantage of that gift.

If you find your Unit in this predicament or contemplating how to keep membership active, please make sure to contact your Department or Division Vice President. Understand that if you are unsure who to contact, call National Headquarters and they will direct to the right person.

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate



Memorial Fund

**Memorial
Fund
donations
are needed**

Happy New Year, Ladies! I am submitting this article in hopes that you, your unit, and your department will consider making a generous donation to the MCLA National Memorial Fund.

The need to assist our veterans and their families is great. Our Memorial Fund had many requests for assistance during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. While we were able to assist with numerous donations, the fund has significantly decreased. The balance in the fund went from over \$19,000 in September of 2018 to only a little over \$10,000 when I assumed the role as committee chairman following the 2019 National Convention last August. This current situation is not sustainable.

All donations are welcome and may be made in honor of a living person or in memory of a deceased person. Every donation will be acknowledged with a letter of thanks from the committee. If every member, unit, and department would consider contributing to the Memorial Fund, we should be able to continue to serve those veterans who find themselves in dire need due to unexpected circumstances for years to come.

The members of the National Memorial Fund committee will have a table set up at the Mid-Winter Conference with some nice raffle items and a donation jar. Please stop by to say hello and purchase some tickets or drop a few dollars in our jar. The smallest donation will be most welcome, greatly needed, and very much appreciated. Donation forms will be available should you wish to take one home to share with other members. The form is also available on the MCLA website (www.nationalmcla.org). Checks should be made payable to MCLA National Memorial Fund.

In the words of Helen Keller (as frequently and fittingly quoted by National President Evelyn Joppa),

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!”

Thank you so much, Ladies, for all that you do for others.

*Semper Fidelis,
PNP Carol Smith
Memorial Fund Committee Chair*



Girl Scout Chair



Hi, my name is Leona Rowley. I am the new Chairman for the Girl Scouts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Cell – 303-882-9007 (Texts is preferred)

Leona.rowley1@gmail.com

As we recognize the Girl Scouts for their 107th year of existence, as started by Juliette Gordon Low.

It began over 100 years ago with one woman who believed in the power of every girl. Today, we're 2.7 million strong!

The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scout of the USA, earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, which was created in 1916. Earning this award requires 40 hours of career exploration.

Earning the Girl Scout Gold 4B's Challenge, which requires girls to assess their community and its needs and develop a vision for change. Up to 15 hours work on the 4Bs challenge could be counted toward the 65 hours for the service project.

You may contact your Girl Scout Councils in your state or city to arrange for presenting their Gold Awardees our good Citizenship Award. The Girl Scout Councils are listed on the Councils are listed on the internet. You will need to explain to the individual in charge of their Gold Award program, that this is an award presented by our National Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Girl Scout Councils have their list of girls usually ready by February or early March. So, contacting them now is a good plan and they will be prepared to print out a list of the girls names for you to print their names on their Good Citizenship Award.

Along with the Good Citizenship Award that you will present to them, you also can give them a letter congratulating them on their achievement. Please contact me for a suggestion: Leona.rowley1@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to recognize the outstanding Girl Scouts in your area and remember to turn in your report of doing the certificates to me by June 1st.

Leona Rowley

National Girl Scout Chairman

**A Note From
The Ship
Store:**

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

25 (20% off)

100 (40% off)

National Chaplain



**ALMIGHTY AND
MERCIFUL GOD,
WE REMEMBER
THIS MOMENT
OUR DEPARTED
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS. WE
RECALL WITH
REVERANCE THE
GOOD DEEDS
THEY
ACCOMPLISHED,
WE HONOR
THEM WITH OUR
LOVE AND
FRIENDSHIP..**

LILLIAN PENDLEBURY * 3/27/2018 MUSIC CITY UNIT, NASHVILLE, TN. No Address for Condolences.

VIVIAN EATON RAY *11/30/2019 MUSIC CITY UNIT, NASHVILLE, TN. Send Condolences to: THOMAS N RAY, 3922 Kings Lane, Nashville, TN 37218-1441

MARY ELLEN HADDIX 812/10/2019 HOLIDAY UNIT, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. Send Condolences to: WILL HADDIX 611 Cortez Ave. New Port Richey, FL 43653

We offered prayers and sent greetings to the following members or family members.

The Dept of Florida chaplain, Gustine Boys needed our prayers for family. Cards were sent to her at: 389, Sierra Mike Blvd., Lake Alfred, and FL. 33850-2642.

Joyous News was shared by Past Chief Bob Lent and his wife, Jean, on the birth of their first grandchild. Robert Edward Lent was born on Dec. 30th weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

Betty Sabol, Dept of NJ and member of James Earl Kennedy Unit, needed our prayers for her hubby, Joe Sabol. Joe had been in the hospital for some time with heart issues. Cards of cheer for both: Joe and Betty Sabol, 9 Railroad Ave., Roebling, NJ 08554-1103.

Debra Taylor, Central Missouri Unit member from Jefferson City, MO had knee surgery. Cards of cheer for her went to: PO Box, 104723 Jefferson City, MO 65110.

Central Missouri Unit President, Jan Crowe, was in the hospital in Colorado, while visiting her sister. Jan was suffering from pneumonia. Cards may be sent to Jan at home, 1005 E Lee Street, Linn, MO 65151.

Mary Brown, Hamilton Walters Unit member, Dept of Iowa, was in the hospital with COPD issues. She has been placed in Hospice care.

Alice Montis, Larry Nehring Unit in Iowa, was placed in hospice care after dialysis was stopped.

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Chaplain News Con't

Lois McMillen, Larry Nehring Unit member from Des Moines, Lost her husband, Dewey. Cards of condolence may be sent to Lois at: 2909 Woodland Ave, #1114 Scottish Rite Park, Des Moines, IA. 50312.

Sharen Green, member of the Central Missouri Unit in Jefferson City, Mo lost her granddaughter in a car accident. Cards of condolence for Sharen may be sent to her at: 1409 Karen Drive, Apt B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

National Sr. Vice, Linda Chamberlain, needed our prayers for her husband, Charlie, who underwent Cancer surgery on his lung. Cards may be sent to them at: 156 Waverly Road. Southampton, PA. 18966

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org (new email)

From the Office... The membership report is being compiled and will be handed out at Mid-Winter. If your unit did not turn in transmittals before December 31st, there will be a zero for your membership for the current year. Please get transmittals in and get your unit current.

SHIP STORE ...

Mid-Winter is right around the corner.... Get your orders ready for a friend to pick up if you aren't attending. If you would like a catalog let me know and I can email one to you.

We will be offering a couple new items at Mid-Winter. An EGA necklace and a Marine Sunglass case with cleaning cloth—the case can also be used for golf balls and tees! (we may have a few more items too—still working on those surprises)

The Store is always searching for new useful items for our members. If you have an idea please let one of the committee members or HQ know.



Central Division Conference

**2020
CENTRAL
DIVISION
CONFERENCE**

**MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE**
APRIL 2-4, 2020
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222
HOLIDAY INN EAST
1325 S.HURSTBOURNE PKWY
TEL:1-502-426-2600

**KING ROOM
RATES: \$99+TAX W/O
BREAKFAST
(MENTION MCL
CONFERENCE)**

Please note: A limited number of double occupancy rooms are available @ \$149 w/o breakfast. Please contact the Detachment direct for booking. Please contact PDC Robert Cross direct who will get you linked with the hotel.
Email:melbcross33@gmail.com

Complete form, include check in total amount and make out to **Kentuckiana Detachment 729, MCL** (Note: 2020 Cent. Div. Conf.)

Mail to:
Kentuckiana Detachment 729
Marine Corps League
Att: Robert D. Cross PDC
P.O.Box 991367
Louisville, KY 40269
email:mclbcross33@gmail.com

Important Information: Hotel reservations and Ad submissions require immediate attention as time is of essence. Please book your rooms and place your ads Now!



Registration:

Name: _____

Detach./ Dept: _____

Title: _____

Other Attendee: _____

Registration Fees

Reg Fee: \$10.00 = _____

Hospitality Rm Fee: \$15.00 = _____

Banquet: \$35.00 = _____

Banquet:

London Broil _____

Borsini Stuffed Chicken _____

Vegan _____

Attire: Semi formal, MCL Casual Uniform, or Mess Dress)

Ad Rate Fees & Deadline:

Please send ALL ads in a PDF format to melbcross33@gmail.com. The Deadline for registration and ad requests is March 10, 2020.

Front and back in full Color

Inside Front Cover \$200 _____

Outside of Back Cover \$200 _____

Inside of Back Cover \$175 _____

Interior pages will all be Black and white

Full Page \$100 _____

Half Page \$50 _____

Quarter Page \$30 _____

1/8th page \$20 _____

Calling Card \$15 _____

**Total Amount due
for Registration and**

Ad Fees: \$ _____



Wisconsin - Michigan - Illinois - Indiana - Ohio - Kentucky



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Barb Nobile

Operation Little Angel

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2 New emails have been added to our National Email list—please update your rosters.



Happy February...

May Your Feet Be Warm....

And

Your Hearts Filled With Love!



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See you at the conference!



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For a hardcopy, please send \$10 to the HQ office to cover shipping.