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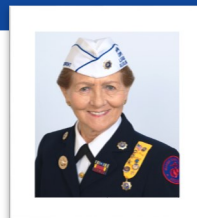
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Happy New Year! As we embark on this new year, may we continue to build on the success of the past and look for new ideas to mentor our current members. Remember to have fun.

Laughter and smiles go a long way to keep members working for our goals and objectives. Happy members are more likely to recruit new members. Share what your unit is doing to bring joy to your members.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner. Have you registered, signed up for the banquet, and booked your hotel reservation? Departments and Units, please submit an ad for the Mid-Winter Program book. All deadlines are

February 7,
2020.

The Pre-
Conference
Board

meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday February 27 in the Greenway room, 4th floor. The agenda for Friday and Saturday is attached to this newsletter, subject to change. We have quite a bit of business to cover.

Friday evening will be an opportunity for fun & fellowship. Mobile Paint with Heather has been arranged with part of the \$30 fee going to our Memorial Fund. The instructor will supply all the items we need to paint a picture. See attached flyer.

If you have items that need to be added to the agenda, please email your requests so that they may be included in the final agenda.

Please keep our members and their families in prayer.

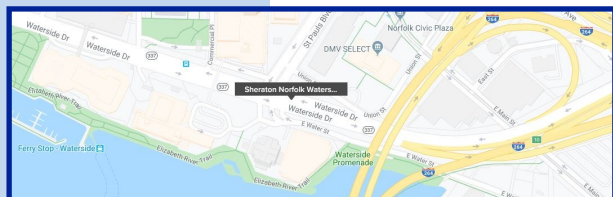
Look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter. "Safe Travels!"

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

Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn B Joppa

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new website*

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MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 27 – 29, 2020 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757) 622-6664 \$129.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 7, 2020

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration in \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit: _____	Det/Unit: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution**

Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____	
Half page @ \$60 _____	Business card @ \$25 _____
Quarter page @ \$30 _____	Patron listing @ \$2 _____

Banquet Meals @ \$60 Each

Chicken	_____ @ \$60	\$ _____
Beef	_____ @ \$60	\$ _____
Vegetarian	_____ @ \$60	\$ _____
No. of Meals	_____ Total Cost	\$ _____
	of Meals	

Total number pre-registration delegates	_____	_____
Total number of banquet meals	_____	_____
Program book ads	_____	_____

GRAND TOTAL DUE _____

Check or money order enclosed ☐ Check / MO # _____ Amount _____

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Please mail to: National Marine Corps League, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554.

For credit card payment call 703.207.9588 or email forms and ad copy to lwilliamson@MCLeague.org

Please Cc the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka at bborka@MCLeague.org



MCLA MID-WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA

February 27 – February 29, 2020 Norfolk, VA

Friday, February 28, 2020

Joint Opening – 9 a.m.

Joint Memorial Service – 10 a.m.

Chapel of Four Chaplains - 11 a.m.

Department President Council Workshop 12 – 1 p.m.

(Bring your Lunch)

Lunch on your own – 12 – 1 p.m.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

OPENING CEREMONY 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

Fill Vacant Chairs

Roll Call of Officers

Members waiting for admittance

Reading of 2018 Post Convention Minutes

Reading of minutes from Pre-Board Conference meeting from February 28, 2020

Report of Elected Officers

President – Evelyn Joppa

Sr. Vice – Linda Chamberlain

Jr. Vice – Dotty Sanning

JA – Mary Brief

Jr. Past Pres. – Carol Smith

Division Vice Presidents

Ship's Store Report: \$ _____

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees

Americanism – Julie Jirovsky

Child Welfare – Pat Engel

Civics – Judy Blackmer

Rehabilitation – Viola Trevino

VAVS – Terri Gothard

Chief of Staff – PNP Karen Aune

Announcements

Paint Party – Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Ship's Store Hours



Other?

Recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Hand Salute

Roll call of officers

Minutes from Friday's meeting

Communications

Chaplain's Report – PNP Barbara Nobile

National Jr. Vice President – 100% Membership/990s – Dotty Sanning

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued):

National Comptroller – Peggy Tuohy

VAVS Representative – Terri Gothard

Budget & Allowance – PNP Gerri Tuohy

Bylaws & Administrative Procedures – PNP Ruth Moyse

Uniform Committee – Susie Lee

Girl Scouts – Leona Rowley

Operation Little Angel – PNP Barbara Nobile

Insurance – Linda Chamberlain

Memorial Fund – PNP Carol Smith

Ships Store – Debby Krueger/Judy Blackmer \$ _____

Forms – Marti Kline

MODD Fleas – Madam Big Flea Joyce Brickett

Convention Liaison – PNP Karen Aune

Legislative Committee – Darlene McCubbin

Ritual Committee – PNP Gerri Tuohy

Chapel of Four Chaplains – Sydney Minchin

Recess for lunch (On your own: 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.)?

Call to order – Silence all cell phones

Open Bible, Hand Salute

Unfinished Business

New Business



Ships Store Report: \$ _____

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued)

National Headquarters Project – Peggy Tuohy

National Webmaster – Leanna Dietrich

Legislative – Darlene McCubbin

50 Year Pin – PNP Cindy Marshall

Uniform – Susie Lee

Banner – Carrie McIntosh

History Book –

Memory Book – Joyce Brickett

Other?

Operation Little Angel Presentation

Good of the Order

Announcements:

Social Adjustment – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Reception & Banquet – 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY

NOTES:

The following have been invited to bring greetings to the Auxiliary at their convenience, and our meeting will pause accordingly.

MCL Commandant Dennis Tobin

58th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett

MCL Foundation President

MCL COO Bob Borka

Director of the Young Marines Bill Davis

Morgan Stanley Representative Tom McIlwee

***Have a safe trip home. See you at the 97th National Convention in Daytona, FL.
August 4-9, 2020!***



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 _____

SR Vice President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and was able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

This is not the article I had originally planned on writing for the January Newsletter, but a recent experience was a true lesson in kindness and needs to be shared with all of my Auxiliary sisters.

In December my Auxiliary sister, Joanne Bryan (All Divisions Unit), and I had the opportunity to do a Toys for Tots Event at the 5 Ponds Community. A Toys for Tots event is when a company, organization, or group makes Toys for Tots the focus of its holiday lunch, dinner or gathering.

I have done several Toys for Tots events over the past few years, but this was Joanne's first one (she usually works in the warehouse). You never know what to expect, but this particular group of people were amazing and exceeded all of our expectations.

Upon arrival we were warmly greeted and thanked for coming. After brief conversation and introductions, we were led to the front of the room, where 15 shiny new bikes of varying sizes with helmets were on display. They proudly told us they had purchased all of the bikes Walmart had and needed to go to another Walmart to purchase another bike. As more and more members of the community began to arrive, they came up to Joanne and me, introduced themselves and welcomed us, chatted for a few minutes and, before going to their seats thanked us for what we were doing and what we had done. Many asked if we were Marines. Both Joanne and I proudly told them our husbands were the Marines, and that we were members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Following a very nice Italian buffet dinner, I had the privilege of telling those present the history of Toys for Tots and thanking them for their generosity and making Joanne and me feel so welcome. In addition to the bikes, there were two boxes of toys and a monetary donation being sent to Toys for Tots. Prior to leaving we were again thanked for coming and were told they wanted us back again next year. Joanne and I both agreed there were no words to express the feeling we both walked away with at the end of the evening.

I feel that every experience has a take-away moment, and I think the take-away moment from this experience is the way we were treated by these "strangers" is the way we should treat guests who attend our meetings. All too often they know no one and are left to fend for themselves. I am as guilty of this as the next person, but after my experience with the members of the 5 Ponds Community, I will be a little more observant for the stranger in the room and do my best to make them feel welcome.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice President

NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org

Treating
strangers
like
friends...
a Toys
for Tots
take-away

JR Vice President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Wishing you joy, laughter and festive merriment – special moments with loved ones and lots of fun time spent!” This is just one of the sentiments from the inside of the many, many Christmas cards that I sent out in December to our Member-at-Large Auxiliary sisters; if you did not receive one we may have the wrong address at National Headquarters. As Junior Vice President, my duty is to create and promulgate membership incentives and programs as will produce an enthusiastic response resulting in continuous membership growth. Members-at-Large (and your female family members), are you ready and willing to reconnect with us at a Division event, Department meeting or a local Unit activity? We have so much to offer each other when we work together for a common goal.

We are all connected as Auxiliary sisters. Moreover, even though we may not be able to share activities anymore, we still belong to the same Auxiliary and have that connection. When a Unit closes, their members may choose to become Members-at-Large before joining a different unit. Similarly, when a member moves to a new location she may elect to become a Member-at-Large until she finds a new Unit to transfer her membership. There are even ladies who wanted to join the Auxiliary and be a part of us, knowing that there was not a unit close to them for regular activities.

Department Presidents, if there was a Unit in your Department that folded what has happened to their members? I wish you or someone in your Department, would try to contact those members that are no longer connected to a Unit. Perhaps they are ready to join an existing unit. On the other hand, for the Members-at-Large that moved to new locations, would you like some help to start a new unit in your area? Wouldn't that be a wonderful gift for the New Year? This sounds like an attainable New Year's resolution that we could all accomplish - bringing our Member-at-Large sisters back home, back to family and friends. Ask them to activities that support veterans, active duty and community traditions. It is possible that a Member-at-Large would like assistance to start a Unit in their new town.

Speaking of New Year's traditions, did you sing Auld Lang Syne? The words can actually be interpreted as since long ago or for old times' sake. The lyrics are about old friends having a drink and recalling adventures they had long ago. I believe it is time to help our Member-at-Large sisters recall those adventures and enjoy some Auxiliary merriment.

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President



We are
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sisters...

Wonderful
gift for the
new year...

Dignity and Honor Are a Choice

Judge Advocate



As the New Year rings in, with it brings people making resolutions for change in their life for the next year. The MCLA has by-laws in place to help guide our organization to be compliant with federal and state regulations, be consistent in the manner in which do our business, and conduct ourselves in a dignified manner.

To conduct ourselves in a dignified manner requires us to use respect. When you look at people and consider their worth as human being, it encourages you to treat them with decency and dignity. Treating others with honor and dignity has two main components: honor and dignity.

We want others to appreciate our worth as a human being- not in a prideful or boastful way, but rather we want to be treated well and not disregarded, manipulated, or devalued.

How you treat others is a conscious choice. You can choose to be kind and respectful, and by doing so you demonstrate that you value them.

We take pride in our MCLA as our Units are able to help Veterans and families who might be less fortunate or may experience a significant event that changes their current status. We make a commitment to demonstrate respect by using specific actions that show them honor and dignity.

Due to the disconnected nature of the digital world, it becomes easy for us to say what we want before we think how it will affect others. We forget how to treat each other with honor and dignity. We are many ladies with all different qualities and flaws. When we focus on the qualities, the flaws will diminish. Cheer each other on and the good works you accomplish. Most of all, show respect to and for each other.

If we destroy ourselves from within and do not show respect towards one another, we will lose members and have discourse within our Units. Respect is shown by listening, loving, being patient, and honoring others above ourselves. It is very important that we continually remind ourselves of this in our Units. The Unit and members are the most important part of the MCLA. We need to focus on the value that each member contributes no matter how big or small that may be.

Include the MCLA in your New Year resolution. Resolve to build a strong base at the Unit level in 2020. Once you have that strong base in place, there is nothing that cannot be accomplished for our Veterans!

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate

*Serving
Newborns
to age 21...
visit the
wish list
online*

Operation Little Angel



The OLA Committee has chosen for Mid-Winter, ST. MARYS HOME, in Norfolk, VA.

ST. MARY'S HOME meets the complex needs of children and adults with disabilities.

Chairperson, Barb Nobile visited by phone with the director. Most of the children and young adults use wheelchairs and may rely on methods other than speech to communicate their wants and needs. Many use feeding tubes for nourishment.

They may come in at all ages and live on site, ages newborn to 21.

This is the only long-term care residential facility in Virginia. At St. Mary's They care for individuals with severe disabilities that most often are the result of genetic disorders, traumatic accidents, illness or child abuse.

The aim and goal of St. Mary's is to allow the children to enjoy the joys of everyday life.

The committee encourages you to check out their web page, www.stmaryshome.org, and learn about all the wonderful activities and opportunities afforded the residents. There is a wish list, and after the first of the year, the director will contact the committee with the larger item wishes. The holidays as you can imagine allow others to donate. But She said the wish list online is always needed.

<https://saintmaryshome.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/SMH-Wish-List-2019.pdf>

Please check on their web page, the pictures of the children say it all.

Barb Nobile, PNP Chair.

MID-WINTER SCOOTER RENTAL
Easy Med Online 800-996-6575
Scoot Around 877-786-8763
Special Needs Group 800-513-4515

The South East Division Conference is scheduled for March 26-29, 2020. (See below for more info.) Group rates for rooms are 119.00 per night and the breakfast buffet is \$8.00. Please attend if your circumstances allow and help us encourage the ladies in Ga to start and Auxiliary units. I look forward to seeing you there. - Carol Mazzara—
SE Division 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>

National Chaplain



**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..**

VIOLA COONEY * 4/07/2019 Forrest G James Unit, Mankato, MN. No next of kin.

HELEN DECKER * 10/30/2019 Montezuma Unit, Cincinnati, Ohio. No next of kin.

ROSEMARIE JOHNSON * 11/14/2019 Hamilton – Walters Unit, Burlington, Iowa. Condolences to: daughter, Karen Neff, 409 Barrett St., Burlington, Iowa, 52601.

PNP SHIRLEY KEYES* 12/11/2019 Mickey Finn Unit, VA. Condolences to daughter, Corinne and Keyes family—2541 Villanova Court, Vienna, VA 22180.

PNP Virginia Johnson was in and out of the hospital for heart and lung issues. Cards of cheer may be mailed to her at: 12035 Fruit Ridge Drive, Kent City, Michigan. 49330.

PNP Deborah Evans was in the hospital with heart and breathing issues this past month. She will be visiting with Drs soon to see how to progress with healing, Cards may be sent to her at: 540 Toby Lynn Dr. Nashville, TN. 37211.

Past Big Chief and MCLA member, Leanna Dietrich lost her father on Thanksgiving. Cards of condolence for her go to: 123 Summit Dr. Exton, PA. 19341.

Sadly PNC Richard Gore passed away right after Thanksgiving. Cards of condolence may be sent to his wife, Brigid Gore at: 103 Beneventum Rd. Georgetown, SC. 29440.

I would like to thank Assistant National Chaplain, Tracey Killinger for all her help and support this past month. In addition to having a 4 week cold, I had computer issues.

We have many members who will start this New Year without the companionship of a loved one. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps take a minute to give them a call or an email of support.

Respectfully Submitted, PNP Barbara Nobile,
National Chaplain pnpchaplainbarb@gmail.com

From The Office

BONDS ...

Paid as of Dec 31st

Units 85

Departments 10

TRANSMITTALS...

96 New Regular

18 New Associate Members ...

We currently have members

2131 renewed for 2019-2020;

of those 1035 are Life Members.

I submit a membership report to the board for Mid-Winter. The closing date is Dec 31st. I will accept all transmittals that have been postmarked on that date.



Marine Corps League Auxiliary Spring Hill Unit 137

Is Extending an Invitation to Your Members

To Three Great Friday Night Events

February 14th Valentine Murder Mystery

March 20th Rock and Roll 50's Event

April 24th Big Band Event

The Valentine Murder Mystery is the only one we are asking for your members to contact Kathy with RSVP by February 1, 2020

The Mob Bosses and Mob Molls want to be Sure Everyone that wants to come can get Tickets

And they want to be sure there is enough

Booze - Grub - Prizes and Gifts

for everyone

For more information on these events call

Millie 352-701-0766 ~ Kathy 860-642-7976

e-mail ~ aipuyiwo@gmail.com

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.



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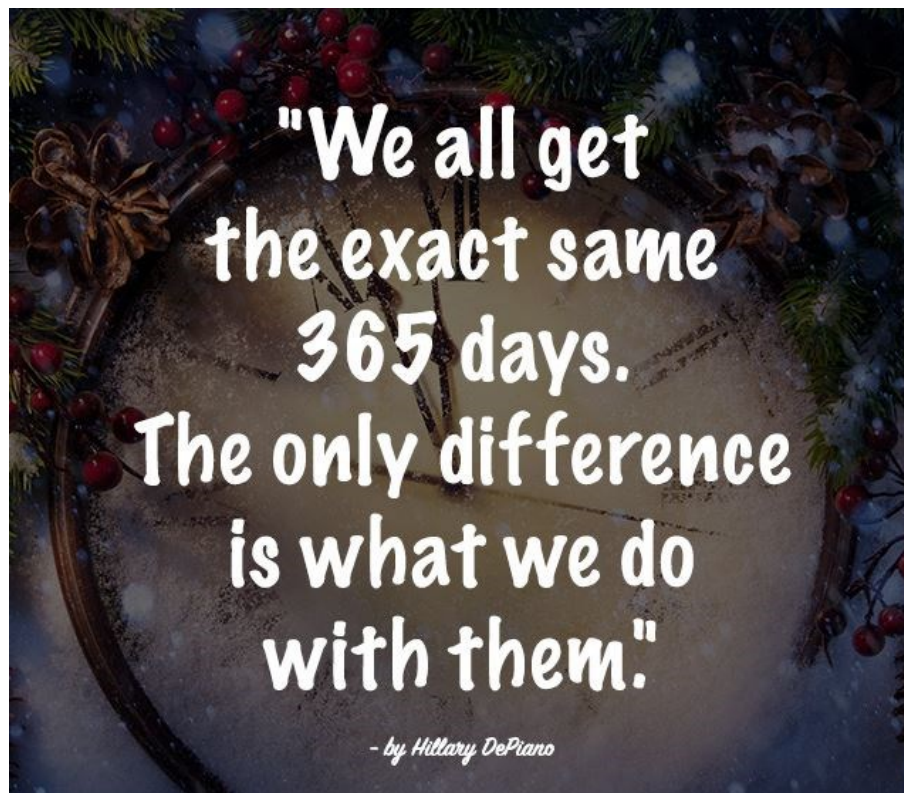
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