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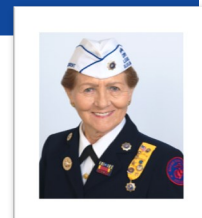
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greeting Auxiliary Members!

HAPPY 4th Of JULY!

Enjoy this day of celebration of “our National Birthday.”

We are in uncharted waters as the Board of Trustees work through the process of keeping our Auxiliary on track during this Covid Pandemic. It is encouraging to hear the Departments and Units are finding innovative ways to hold meetings and to recruit new members. Keeping in touch with our members is always vital, and during this current situation those phone calls and cards help. Be Safe, Be Well!

The Board of Trustees have met by way of conference calling. These dedicated ladies continue to respond quickly. The Executive Committee met on June 24, 2020 and the full Board met on June 26, 2020. The Board approved the appointment of Rocky Mountain Division Vice President Mitzi Abeyta and Assistant Division Vice President Debbie Krueger. Thank you, Karen Bressler and Holly Price, for service to your division and national.

July one was the deadline for committee reports from Departments and Units. I hope all units and departments reported their activities for this year. The Board formulated a plan for reports normally presented at Convention. All reports are due August 1, 2020 sent by email to the National President with a copy to the National Secretary. National Officers must send in their reports. The committees have been sent instructions to complete their reports. The awards will be sent by Committee Chairs to the appropriate Division Vice President. The Division Vice President will distribute the awards after August 9th. All reports will be posted August 9th on the National Web Site until October 1, 2020.

Allowances voted on last convention will be distributed if proper report is

received, except for the Convention Secretary. By vote of the Board she will receive ½ the budgeted amount since there will be no convention minutes to compile. Big thanks to Lynn LaBerge for her many years of continued service as our Convention Secretary.

The Bylaw and Administrative Procedure Proposals for 2020 Convention will be held until next National Convention. There is no need for the maker to re-submit. Any new proposals for the 2021 bylaws review may be sent by the 2021 deadline.

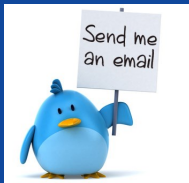
Items normally handled at Convention will be addressed by the Board of Trustee as needed. The Budget Committee Chair and the Comptroller will be asked for important recommendations in their areas of expertise as well as others. The Board's goal will be to keep members informed.

Our highly skilled Secretary, Karen Grady, presented a letter of resignation June 24th. She will be moving to Pennsylvania as her husband has obtained a new job. She has accomplished much in the four years. The Standard Operating Procedures established is unbelievably valuable to the auxiliary and a new secretary. She will be working in the office through August and is willing to assist with the training of a new secretary. We wish her the best.

Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn Joppa
National President

Hugs from afar





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- Attract members?
- Announce events?
- Celebrate milestones?

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Where do we go from here?

As of today, June 5, 2020 my county in Pennsylvania has just gone yellow, which means I am no longer confined to quarters and can begin to return to normal. But what is that normal going to look or be like? Surely not the everyday normal we were accustomed to. I believe masks will be a part of our attire for quite some time, as will social distancing. Now we are able to visit with our families and friends, get our hair cut, nails done, attend church in person and even go to the mall if we are so inclined, and even go out to dinner as long as we do not mind dining outside. All of the things we took for granted before are slowly being returned to us, but still with a certain amount of protective restrictions.

Speaking of getting back to normal, have you thought about what your first post-COVID-19 Unit meeting will be like? What safety precautions will you put into place before everyone gathers to meet? If you have your own building this will not be much of a problem, but if you rely on an outside facility for your meeting space, you are at their mercy regarding disinfecting of the tables, chairs, etc. Most states have guidelines in place on the number of people who can gather in one location; for some this may present a problem; for others not so much.

So - now might be the perfect time to begin thinking outside of the box when it comes to



holding your Unit meetings, for a little while anyway. Holding your meeting in the afternoon or on Saturday or Sunday in someone's backyard would be one solution. Another would be the parking lot of your church...all bring lawn chairs and sit behind your cars to hold your meeting. Remember to try and keep the meetings short and on point. I realize we have not seen each other in quite some time, but time will be of the essence and chit chat will need to wait until the meeting is finished.

Another thing we all will need to begin thinking about is how we will accomplish the activities we normally conducted in the fall and around the holidays. No one knows how long the restrictions are going to last, and if we will be able to do the things we did in the past. One would only hope that by the time the holidays come, COVID-19 will be behind us. Yes, I know they are thinking another possible outbreak with the start of flu season. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for a vaccine.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Safe July 4th.

Semper Fidelis,
Linda S. Chamberlain
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JR Vice President

Summertime
and the
Living is
Easy?

Unfortunately, we will not be having our National Convention this summer but that does not mean we do not have other responsibilities. Coupled with the high summer temperatures can be high family demands. The kids and grandkids are out of school and activities to keep them busy are constantly being explored for new chances for growth. Really, I suppose it is not that different from the activities that we have been taking part in for the past few months during the quarantine period.

I still have my Auxiliary magnet on my car and I continue to wear my Auxiliary logo shirts to watch for opportunities to talk to people about our wonderful organization. I love the chance to engage when someone asks me why I have a Marine Corps logo on my car or on my shirt! No matter the weather or the quarantine guidelines there is always an opportunity for me to talk to women about joining the MCLA. Granted, my occasions are somewhat slim right now but I am still trying to take advantage of them to recruit, recruit, and recruit new members. We can grow our Units even under quarantine and limited conditions.

Justifiably, some of us have more rigid social distancing guidelines than others, depending on where you live. On the other hand, some are the same. I was just watching a television show about people who live in Alaska. A man was going fishing but the weather looked like rain. He said, "One thing about being in Alaska – if you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes and it will change." I thought it amusing how the same words are spoken in so many different states about their weather which shows another example of sameness.



At this time of year, other words that you will hear across the country relate to Independence Day celebrations that will take place very soon. Although the fireworks may be unique, with different guidelines according to the health of their citizens, there will be celebrations as there should be. As a matter of fact, from my perspective, the celebrations seem to change very little across the country. Speaking of Independence Day, did you know that back in 1776 not all of the 13 colonies agreed on the Declaration of Independence? Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two voted No, one was Undecided and one Abstained. Moreover, I am not going to reveal the

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identities of the states that did not vote in favor – I will leave that up to you as a research project.

In the same way, our Auxiliary Units and Departments do not always vote in total agreement. Equally important is that we all have a voice; we all have a right to be heard. Remember to keep this in mind as you get back to your Unit and Department meetings. Whether the meetings are in person, on the telephone, or on the computer everyone has the right to be heard. Wouldn't it be boring if we all agreed on the same things or if the weather was always just exactly the same?

Finally, I have one more item on sameness that I would like to share. From the Declaration of Independence: *all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . . And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.* Let us all endeavor to take care of each other.

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It's time to think outside the box. This year we have moved from Quick Books to "The Square." This program will make it easier to place orders, keep track of all of our sales and will help us know which items are our top sellers. So, don't forget about the MCLA Ships Store. We know Covid – 19 has put a stop on a lot of things and we would like you to take a moment to check out all our new items as well as our old items. Just call or email HQ to place an order. You will receive your receipt via email or text via Square. Orders will be processed once a week.

How to get on the website to order from the Ship Store:
follow this link: **MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org**

Click on Ships Store
Click on 2019-2020 Catalog
Click on Order Form



Hope you all enjoy your summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in Norfolk, VA.

Your Ships Store Crew,
Judy Blackmer Debby Krueger Mitzy Abeyta

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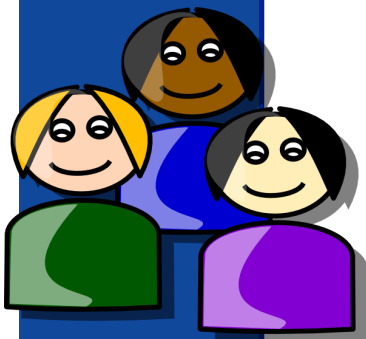
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friendship

As the months go forth during this pandemic, ask yourself this question: what is the greatest benefit you receive from being a MCLA member? For me, the answer is the bond formed with our sister Auxiliary members who share our beloved Auxiliary's common goal that is to help one other and our Veterans.

Being able to have trust and confidence in your friend is one of the most important requirements of a strong relationship because true friendship means you are able to count on one another. I have had the honor to experience this with many women in the Auxiliary, especially PNP Virginia Johnson.

PNP Virginia Johnson is a special friend whom I will never forget. Her passion for Veterans and her Auxiliary was one of encouragement for many of us. Even though she has left us for her heavenly home, the legacy of servitude during her 50 plus years in the MCLA has touched many of us. Her contagious excitement, encouragement to continue working for the good of the Veterans, and of course, that wonderful smile, was uplifting and an inspiration to both young and old alike.



I have been blessed to call so many wonderful women from the MCLA my friend. The definition of a true friend is someone who has your back, no matter what the circumstances. A true friend will always have your best interest at heart. They will never purposely lead you into choices or decisions that aren't good for you. Many times, they have more faith in you than you have in yourself. A true friend will be your biggest cheer leader. Friends help us deal with stress, make better lifestyle choices that keep us strong, and allow us to rebound from health issues and disease more quickly. Friendships are equally important to our mental health. One study even suggested spending time with positive friends can actually change our outlook for the better.

During this uncertain and negative time happening in this world, we need to cling to our friends more now than ever to lift each other up. I urge you to turn to your MCLA sisters to cherish the bonds and friendships that you have made that are unique to the women who share in the sisterhood of devotion to the Marines in their lives and veterans of this great United States of America.

Semper Fi,

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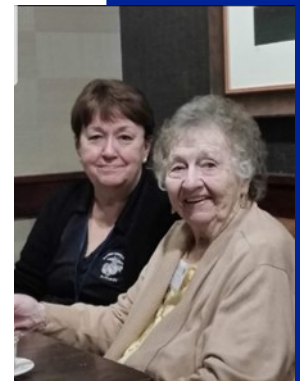
**“Thank You”, my life is
much fuller with
you in it!”**

Remembering PNP Virginia Johnson



On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 our Marine Corps League Auxiliary lost a beloved treasure. At age 94, PNP Virginia Johnson, went to be with our Lord. She dedicated over 50 years to serving our veterans across the country and especially in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Virginia joined the MCLA in 1967 and during her lifetime membership

served as both the Michigan and National President of the MCLA. Virginia was extremely faithful in her service to the MCLA and also an inspiration to us all. She had a unique ability to stir a deeper passion within the hearts of those she spoke to, to serve our veterans as well. Virginia will be missed so very much. Those of us who were fortunate to have Virginia touch our lives know that she would want us to continue on our MCLA mission of servitude and sisterhood.





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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.**

EVA ANDREWS * 5/15/2020 Capt. William Dale O'Brien Unit, NY. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Daughter, Tina Jacobus, 195 Consaul Road, Albany, New York, 12205.

APRIL "BUNNIE" ACKELSON *6/19/2020, Larry Nehring Unit, Iowa. Condolences to Husband George, 1245 NE 52nd Place. Des Moines, IA. 50313

Kathy Brown, Central Missouri Unit in Jefferson City, MO had hip surgery this past month. She will be well taken care of by her Marine hubby, Steve Brown. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at: 11237 County road 385, Holts Summit, MO 64043.

Midwest Division VP, Darlene MacCubbin had ankle surgery. Cards of cheer for Darlene may be sent to: 702 Highway T, Leopold, MO 63760.

Jane Montgomery from the Dept of Washington was in need of our prayers as she went through testing. It was ruled out that she had a stroke, so that is good news. Her address is: 8301 Tieton Dr. Space 21, Yakima, WA. 98808-3854. Email – jfmmcla@charter.net. She has been transferred to a Healthcare facility in Yakima for PT, speech and occupational therapy. She will also have 14 day quarantine due to going from one facility to another. Barry Georgeopulos, Dept of Colorado has been diagnosed with lymphoma. We all know he is a great supporter of the MCLA and the hubby of Bea. He was to start chemo soon. Cards may be sent to Barry at: 595 S Alton Way, Unit #4D, Denver, CO. 80247.

Powerful prayers are requested for Colleen English as she goes through the chemo again for her cancer that has returned. At this time she would prefer emails, no cards. That email address is: usnblond57@gmail.com

Andrea Macintosh from the Dept of New Jersey lost her father in law. Cards of condolence may be sent to Andrea at: 451 Fort Mott Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070-9640.

Susan Seyller of the Mason O Yarbrough Unit in Missouri had ear surgery. Cards of cheer go to: 446 Meier Lake Drive, Jackson, MO. 63755.

Another member of the Mason O Yarbrough Unit, Kathy Kagmire fell and broke her shoulder. Cards may be mailed to her a Singing Hills Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701.

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Linda Stroman, Mason O Yarbrough Unit in MO, will have knee repair surgery June 23. Cards of encouragement for a great recovery may be mailed to: 738 County Hwy. 333, Benton. MO.

Margo and Bill Reed need our prayers as Bill has been in ICU and in ill health for a bit. Cards of cheer go to: 2 Woodpath Lane, St. Peter's. MO 63376.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP National Chaplain, *Barb Nobile*, PNP

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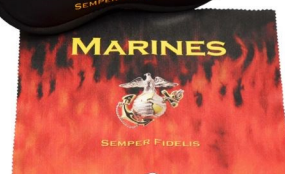
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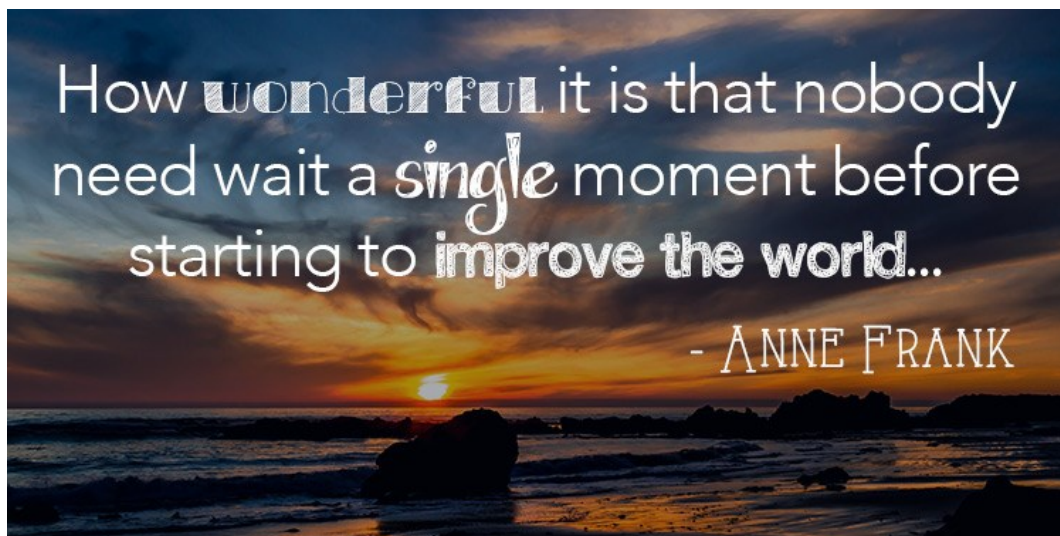
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