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Greetings Ladies!

The National Mid-Winter Staff meeting in Norfolk, VA was a huge success, as always.

Thanks so much to those who were able to attend and participate. Many hands helped set up the Ships Store and prepare our meeting rooms. It was greatly appreciated. The Board and Committees were well prepared and informative.

Our Paint Party was well organized, and we all enjoyed the personal touch from Heather. Everyone had a good time painting. Just look at the proud smiles! Our National Secretary, Karen Grady, took the time to join us. Part of the fee went to the Memorial Fund. Thank you, Ladies.

The Committee choice for the Operation Little Angel donation this Mid-Winter went to St Mary's Home. It is an impressive program. We are hoping the committee can plan a visit next Mid-Winter to this facility.

It is time to prepare those annual reports. Make sure you count all members and their activities in order to receive proper credit for what your unit does and to show the League and others how much we do for our veterans and community. Please keep your articles coming to the monthly newsletter. Show your unit pride and success.

Attendance at Department and Division meetings is something each member should strive to do. It is important to have members input on all issues that matter. Make sure your voice counts.

National President (con't)

The National Convention is where changes to our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are changed. Any member can propose a change. Proper procedure is posted on the Web site. If you need help, contact our very capable Judge Advocate, Mary Brief. Plan to attend as time and finances allow. Your voice is needed to keep our organization strong.

Our membership is growing! We have welcomed five new units since the August Convention in Montana. We as an organization must nurture and encourage all of our members. Our growth is important, but the life blood of our membership depends on keeping our members active and busy. Cherish all members.

Please pray for those affected by the devastating tornadoes that struck Nashville and other communities in Tennessee and surrounding states this month as they grieve the loss of many and work to rebuild their lives.

It is an honor to be part of this great organization, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn Joppa, National President

SR Vice President

Mid-Winter …

EIN Numbers …

990's

If you did not have the opportunity to attend the recent Mid-winter Conference you missed a very good conference. Madam President did an excellent job keeping the meeting flowing and on point. It was nice to see old friends and a few new faces. The facility was very nice however the weather could have been a bit warmer. It was a little chilly walking on the "boardwalk" outside the hotel with the wind whipping in off of the Elizabeth River.

This month I am going to share with you the report I presented at the Mid-winter Conference on 990's. Although we are doing better than last year, we still have ten (10) Units with revoked EIN Numbers, three (3) of which have been revoked since 2011, two (2) since 2016, three (3) since 2017 and one (1) each in 2018 and 2019. When comparing this year's listing of revoked EIN Numbers to last year's I noticed several Units had turned in their charters, while a few others obtained a new EIN Number, are now on the Parent List, and have filed a current 990.

In addition to the Units with revoked EIN numbers we have five (5) Units with an EIN number that does not appear on the EO Search (this means they have not filed a 990) and are not on the Parent List, six (6) Units with an EIN number that does not appear on the EO Search (this means they have not filed a 990) but are on the Parent List, One (1) Unit with an EIN number that appears on the EO Search (they have filed a 990) but they are not on the Parent List, one (1) Unit whose EIN was revoked in 2015, but are still filing a 990 (as recently as filing for 2019) and are not on the Parent List (this Unit is not included in the 10 Units mentioned in the paragraph above) and we still have two (2) Units with Marine Corps League EIN Numbers.

There are a few Units who last filed a 990 in 2016. Remember the IRS will revoke your EIN number if you do not file a 990 for three (3) consecutive years. Just a reminder it is easier to file a 990 than it is to file for a new EIN Number. Also, once you obtain an EIN Number you need to file a 990.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of a 990 or obtaining an EIN Number please do not hesitate to contact either myself via the email address listed below or our National Secretary Karen Grady.

Until next month, Happy St. Patrick's Day

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice President

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JR Vice President

March is here and I am ready for Spring! I had such a great time in Norfolk, Virginia, last week and I treasure the time spent with those that were able to attend the Mid-Winter Staff Conference. Something else I treasure is the artwork that I brought home from the painting event – it is certainly one of a kind. What a fun project! Here is some of the membership information that I shared with those in attendance; the Division Vice Presidents have the entire report and can share more information with you.

I wish to extend congratulations to the Units, Departments and Divisions that achieved 100% or more membership status *by the December 31st deadline*:

Central Division
IL - Dekalb Sycamore, Kankakee, McHenry County, Sauk Valley, Shawnee, West Central Illinois Leathernecks
IN - Southern Belles, Whitewater Valley
OH - Land of Legend, Pvt Henry Kalinowski, Tri State Marine
MI - Edson Kline Van Slyke, Flint, Michigan Cochran, Upper Peninsula
WI - Agerholm-Gross, Badger, Southwestern Wisconsin, Winnebago

Mideast Division, MD - LCpl Robert W Deane, Mountainside

Midwest Division
MN - Forrest G James, North Star, Thor
MO - Central Missouri, South St Louis, St Charles County

New England Division
VT - Brattleboro 798
ME - MCLA Auxiliary 501

Northeast Division
NJ - Salem County, West Hudson
NY - Massena, North Shore Queens
PA - Gen Smedley D Butler, Upper Darby, Patrick William Milano

Northwest Division, WA - Lewis County, Mt St Helens, Yakima/Kittitas

Rocky Mountain Division
CO - Frank J Carroll, Rocky Mountain Diamonds, Thunder Mountain, Windsor Marines Unit
UT - Cpl James L Anderson

Southeast Division
FL - Barefoot Bay, Riverview #1226 Unit, SgtMaj Michael S Curtin, LCpl Justin J Wilson, The Villages
MS - Jerry Wentworth
TN - OHR
SC - Lewis G Watkins

Southern Division, TX - Coastal Bend, Heart of Texas

Southwest Division, AZ - Lake Havasu City

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JR Vice President con't

Congratulations to Southeast for starting two new Units by December 31st ! More good news: Southeast, Mideast and Midwest Vice Presidents are all poised to charter a new unit shortly.

As of December 31, 2019, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary has 2,230 members which is 150 less members than last year at that time. We know that there are more members but unfortunately, there were several units and Departments that neglected to turn in the membership information by the deadline. Sadly, we continue to have units closing due to lack of active members. On the other hand, we did gain new units. Way to go recruiters!! Ladies, make sure you write your name on the application so you can receive National acknowledgement for your efforts to help our Auxiliary grow.

Dotty Sanning, National Junior Vice President

CONFERENCES.... WHEN IS YOURS???

Register ▸

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 Confernence 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

Mid-winter is behind us and before you know it, March 19th (first day of Spring) will be here and the flowers will soon be poking their tender shoots up through the ground. (At least in Michigan we hope that is the case). The older I get it sems the faster time goes. So, this finds us trying to constantly look ahead at our schedules. This is the time of year we look forward to the upcoming National Convention in Daytona Beach Florida.

The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures (AP) may be revised, amended or repealed each year at the National Convention in August. Any member wishing to submit a proposed Bylaw or AP change is to submit it in typewritten triplicate form, in proper format, and with exact wording to the National Headquarters office. In order for any proposed By-law change to be presented at National Convention, they must be received by the National Secretary before Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The Bylaw Committee and Judge Advocate will review and present the proposed amendments to the body at the National Convention for acceptance or rejection. Administrative Procedure proposed changes may be presented to the committee anytime up to and including to the start of the convention

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate

St Patrick's Day
The Real Story

- Born around 385 AD in Britain.
- Sold into slavery in Ireland
- During captivity became a devout Christian
- Escaped a few years later
- Recaptured held in France
- Spent time in a monastery in France and time in Britain studying Christianity
- Returned to Ireland to convert Irish to Christianity
- Used the shamrock to represent the Holy Trinity
- Credited with converting 100,000 Irish
- Ordained Priest, guided women to Nunhood, converted sons of Kings
- Aided in the formation of over 300 churches
- Believed to have died on March 17, 461 AD

National Chaplain

NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org

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..

EMILY KENNEDY* Wm. Dale O'Brien Unit, New York, January 20, 2020. No next of kin.

LORETTA LAYER KENNEDY * Lockport Devil Dogs Unit, New York- January 17, 2020. Condolences to: Husband, Paul Layer – 305 High St. Lockport, NY. 14094.

ALICE MONTIS * Larry Nehring Unit, Iowa, January 26, 2020- Condolences to Son, Bruce Montis, 876 Collins Drive, Waukee, IA, 50263.

MARLENE YESTREMISKI* February 2, 2020, Herkimer County Unit, New York. Condolences to husband, Tom Yestremiski, 822 State Highway #29A, Gloversville, NY.

PEG CURLEY * February 28th, 2020, General Smedley D Butler Unit, PA. Condolences to family_ Michel Pickur, 1144 Morningside Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

SHIRLEY WHITTARD *March 2, 2020, Cape Girardeau Unit, MO. Condolences to husband, Tom Whittard, 2545 Singing Hills Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701-2019.

Bill and Mary Lou Webb, Dept of Missouri loyal members are in need of our prayers. Bill has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them at: 2709 East Madison Street, Springfield, MO 65802.

Joann and Tom Watts, members of the Richard Scott Haymes Unit in Missouri, lost their daughter recently. Cards of condolence: 26802 Cassarah Pl. Wright City, MO. 63390.

Dept of PA and Lancaster county Unit member, Sasha Lopez- Jacobs lost her grandfather. Prayers for her may be sent to: 284 red Cedar Lane, Marietta, PA. 17547.

PNP Ruth Moyse, lost her sister in law, Elisabeth Standen. She was the older sister of Ruth's late husband, John. Cards of condolence may be mailed to her husband, Richard Standen, 401 Harvard Ave. Broomall, PA. 19008 and to Ruth at 1540 Pleasant Lane, Glen Mills, PA. 19342.

Southwest Assistant Division BP Wanda Sweet lost her sister. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: 1801 Havenwood Drive, Lancaster, South Carolina, 29720.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

LET ME BE A BLESSING, LORD TO ALL WHO PASS MY WAY: WALK WITH ME AND GUIDE ME IN ALL I DO AND SAY.

LEAD ME TO THE LONELY ONES, THAT I MIGHT BRING THEM CHEER. TO SHOW I CARE AND WANT TO HELP, AND THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS NEAR.

LET ME SHARE WITH OTHERS YOUR COVENANT AND CREED: HELP ME TO INSTILL NEW FAITH, LET ME FILL THEIR VOID AND NEED.

I STRIVE TO SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY, TO CHANNEL HOPE IN YOUR ACCORD; EMPOWER ME, SHOW ME THE WAY, THEN LET ME BE A BLESSING, LORD.

FROM the OFFICE

Office email: mclahq@nationalmcla.org Please use this email to contact HQ, I do not check the aol account— it has become bogged down with spam.

If your unit has a new EIN number and was not found on the parent list you will be contacted by HQ or Linda Chamberlain so we can correct this. Our goal is to have all units on the parent list !

Please remember to sign the Unit Cover sheet. Unit Treasurers and **Dept Treasurers** both need to sign all copies. This is how HQ knows they have been done by the Unit Treasurer and reviewed by the Dept Treasurer. Thanks!

Thank You!

SHIP STORE ...

Mid-winter Sales were up this year. Thank you to our committee members for suggesting all the great new ideas! They are already thinking about new items for Convention and for next spring.

There is a small change coming to the store. The board has approved the use of Square to handle our inventory and to process Credit Cards. We hope to have this up and running within a month. The only difference you may see is how MCLA shows on your credit card statement. Currently, orders will still be taken the same way. You may use the order form found online and email it to mail it to the office.

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)

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

See you at Convention…

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