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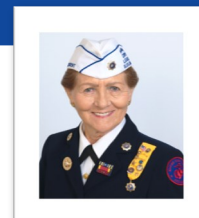
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Auxiliary Members! My hope and prayer for each of you is to stay well and safe. With the COVID-19, the tornadoes and other hardships facing our nation, we need those prayers, phone calls, and cards going out to our members and their families. This emergency situation is bringing to the forefront many of the good things Americans are doing to help others. I believe the best is yet to come.

The National Executive Committee has been busy planning how to continue elections and installations for our Units through this unprecedented time. We put the information out to the full board and received the votes back in just two days. We unveiled this plan Saturday April 18, 2020 by email. If you have not received this important information, please contact the Department President or your Division Vice President. Additional information was sent addressing the departments.

We encourage the units to use free conference calling, zoom, skype or the like. It is easy and fun. You can use video or audio. Share other fun ways of staying in touch with your members. Many of our members are doing great things while staying within the guidelines. Some are on the frontlines caring for others. Thank you!

Morning walks are fun in sunny Florida. Steve and I walk most mornings. One morning we

saw this somewhat strange bird swimming under water and coming up with a fish. It proceeded to swallow the whole fish, an



Anhinga sometimes call a Darter fish. Amazing! In my flower garden I found a baby possum. He was only about two inches long. In the pond near my house this morning was a small alligator about three feet long.



Reminder: Bylaw Proposals must be to National HQ by May 12th.

Committee Reports should be ready to send in.

Thank You for all you do!

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

*Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn
Joppa*





May 2020

Marine Corps League Auxiliary Members,

We begin with a prayer that all of you are Healthy and Happy and enjoying relaxing at home. We realize that these are extremely trying times - trying our patience, trying our imagination and trying our determination to weather this storm called 'corona virus'.

Sadly, with our directives to 'Shelter in Place' it makes it difficult to complete our regular type of annual 'Headquarters Project'. Consequently, with permission and assistance from our National President we put our heads together and came up with a new approach to reach all of you and ask for financial assistance for our National MCLA Headquarters. The needs in our membership, our Marines, our VA Hospitals, our communities and Veterans in all walks of life are greater than ever.

Since we don't have everyone's email address, we ask that each Division Vice President, Department President and Unit President try to contact as many members as possible asking for their help with this new idea.

Understanding that times are difficult for all of us, we ask that you read our 'Bakeless Bake Sale' poem and consider donating - as generous as possible- to our National Auxiliary.

With extreme pride in our Marine Corps League Auxiliary and with grateful appreciation for your consideration in supporting our efforts to help our Auxiliary continue in its' great endeavors, we thank you in advance for all you can do.

MCLA Headquarters Project Committee - Gerri, Mary and Peggy





*To: All Members of our National MCLA
From: Headquarters Project Committee*

May 2020

"A Bakeless Bake Sale"

*A bit of news we have today
A 'Bakeless Bake Sale' is on the way.
In these busy days, now who could bake
Pies or cookies or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat and the time you'd lost
Yet nobody wishes to shirk their duty,
For everyone's interested in our cause. Truly!
So we thought of a plan that's really grand
And feel quite sure you will understand.
In your envelope, or on-line or however, please put the
price of a pie or cake or something nice.
Without fuss or bother you've done your part
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart
This is the end of our little tale,
Hoping for success with our 'Bakeless Bake Sale'!*

Follow this link to donate online:

<https://nationalmclahq.square.site>

*Or send a check made payable to: **National MCLA***

*Memo: **Bakeless Bake Sale***

Cut out this label and paste or tape to your envelope:

With sincerest appreciation,

MCLA Headquarters Project Committee

- Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief and Peggy Tuohy

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SR Vice President

CORONA CARE CIRCLE

Troubling Times....

As I sit here attempting to write my May article the only thing on my mind is COVID 19 and trying to keep my husband and myself safe and virus free. The shelter in place ordinance most states have enacted make me feel like I am a teenager once again and being punished for not adhering to my curfew. I know this is necessary and a way to potentially stop the spread of the virus.

Hopefully by the time you read this COVID 19 will be just a bad memory, but unfortunately I doubt that very much.

We are all suffering from this virus, some more than others and the ones suffering the most other than those who actually got the virus are the medical professionals and caregivers. There are a few simple things we can do, which will not take much effort and will brighten someone's day; they are send a card or a note to the staff at your local hospital thanking them for being there for the people who need them most. Send a card to a nursing home, VA hospital or rehab hospital address to any resident so they know someone is thinking of them since they can have not visitors.



My church has recently developed a **CORONA CARE CIRCLE**, where members of the church call, text or email other members of the church just to say hi and to be sure they are doing ok both mentally and physically.

Many of you may already be doing these things or something similar and I want you to know these efforts are greatly appreciated.

We need to try and look forward, and not dwell on the current situation because yes, there will be a light at the end of this

tunnel. So what are your plans when we can return to normal, whatever normal is? Many people have been laid off due to this virus and once it is over things for them are not going to go back to the way they were in January right away. See how you can help them. Look to your local food bank or food pantry and drop off a bag or two of can goods, their donations have been down and they can always use our help, check to see if they need help stocking their shelves or preparing food boxes for pick up. Everyone is going to need some kind of help when all of this is over.

Hopefully my article next month will not be so gloomy and I will be able to tell you about the events I was able to attend honoring our Veterans for Memorial Day. Until next month, Stay Safe and Happy Memorial Day.

Semper Fidelis,
Linda S. Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President

NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org

JR Vice President

If April showers bring May flowers then my yard is going to be full! Here in Missouri we have enjoyed rain, snow, hail, thunderstorms, tornado warnings and beautiful, sunny 85 degree weather days. Consequently, I expected to see a wide range of flowers in my yard!

But alas, I remembered I should have planted flower bulbs last fall. Experienced gardeners know that you have to plan in advance when you want to have a vegetable or flower garden. Although I do have various daffodils and other Spring flowers that come up without my help, I am now enjoying wild violets, beautiful Ajuga everywhere – and let's not forget about beautiful poison ivy. As a matter of fact, I am pretty sure most of the plants in my yard are weeds. With the stay-at-home order that most of us are dealing with, it does give me a chance to concentrate on my yard. Thankfully, we are still allowed to be outside in the yard. Hmm, perhaps I should think about a small garden? I could enjoy being out in the yard, turning the soil, and growing some of my own food again.



What can we
Accomplish?
Share?
Connect?

While I have not been able to enjoy any Unit or Department meetings, Division Conferences or other in-person meetings and get-togethers, I have been able to be online and chat with people this way. At this particular time it can be a challenge to meet new people, new potential Auxiliary members. One suggestion is to always wear something with the Marine Corps League Auxiliary logo when you are allowed to go out in public. Ladies, there are still numerous ways that we can connect and communicate. It is up to all of us to find those new and interesting means to keep in touch with each other. Although it is true that you cannot physically hug your friends and family you could have a virtual hug – that is all that we can accomplish at this time.

What else can we accomplish on our own? Here are some of my recent accomplishments: still crocheting a baby blanket (I am not very fast and I do have to keep redoing certain rows); I did make hamburger buns today which tasted great even though they did not rise well. I am definitely adding that one to my bread recipes.

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National JR VP con't...

Finally, I am immensely gratified that I sewed a dozen face masks and sent the majority to my sister in Florida. She is a nurse and they are in need of alternate face masks. For those that have seen my sewing skills you know that this was a feat in and of itself. I would love to see some of the face masks that others are sewing and where they are sending them to be used. What projects and new talents bring you a sense of accomplishment during this time?



Unit Presidents, remember to call your members that do not have email. Technology is great for those that have it and know how to use it. Some of our older members may not have access to the internet so a quick telephone call is usually welcome. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

CONFERENCES.... WHEN IS YOURS???

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

for details and to register follow the link below:

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

Register ►



Judge Advocate

Isolation and Veterans

During this unprecedented time of the COVID 19 pandemic, many of us have experienced difficulty coping with severe feelings of isolation during the “stay at home” order. Imagine what our Veterans are experiencing as this is impacting their mental health and wreaking havoc in already established coping mechanisms that are now limited or halted.

Many Veterans are facing isolation, job lay-offs, and increased irritability which will be an additional threat to the wellness of Veterans. For many, loneliness is their worst enemy. Now more than ever it is important to be visually present to our Veterans. Think of ways to help reverse the impact of loneliness that they are feeling and put your ideas into action.

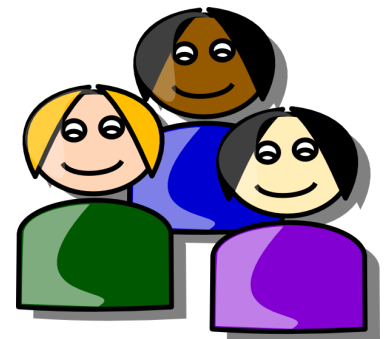
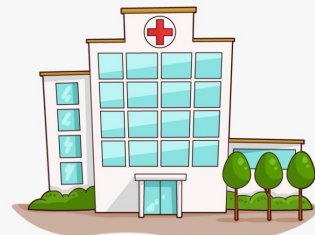
You and your Unit members can make a difference now during this time of isolation. Take action by sending cards to the VA hospitals, your local nursing homes, and to your League and Auxiliary members who are living alone. It is an especially scary time for those whom live alone and do not have interaction with others.

With hope that the “stay at home order” is set to be expiring soon, search for ways that your Unit can continue to make a difference in the lives of others. For many Units that will be a slow approach as many governors will slowly allow things to return to a new and different normal. With so much uncertainty as to what that will look like, we need to be creative in our approach as we anticipate how we

are going to lessen the effects this has had on our organization. As we all find a “new normal” within our Units and our functions, please practice patience, open mindedness, and grace as we navigate the future.

Semper Fi,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate





National Madam Big Flea

Joyce Brickett



2020 Supreme Flea Scratch

It is my honor to invite all Fleas and Flea Wannabees to the Supreme Scratch at the National MCL/MCLA Convention August 9 -14 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Please be sure to register and make your reservations early by logging on to the national website. The Scratch time and place will be listed on the agenda.

The Scratch theme this year is anything military, so think M*A*S*H, Rosie the Riveter, Beetle Bailey or whatever you can find in your Marine's closet. We will "pester the Dogs in an honorable manner of good clean fun and frivolity and make every effort to raise funds to support honorable, noteworthy causes." Please visit the Flea website at www.MODDFleas.org and order a Flea Ritual manual for additional information.

If you are a Flea, don't forget to nominate a worthy sister Flea for the National Flea of the Year award. Criteria for this award is listed in the manual. And finally, don't forget your passport and your dues. If you are a current officer, please be familiar with your role and/or responsibilities. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

"Semper Mordendi" (always biting),

Joyce Brickett

National Madam Big Flea 2019-2020



**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..**

SHARON SMITH* 3/29/2020 South St. Louis Unit, MO. Condolences to :
Sondra Quick, 2307 North 35th Street Terrace, St Joseph, MO 64506.

MARJORY J TETRICK * 4/17/202 Sauk Valley Unit, Illinois. Condolences
to: Rick and Maggie Tetrick, 8059 Towermont Drive, Rockford, Il. 61102.

Jeanette Geise from Illinois will be starting chemo and radiation
treatments. Please keep her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to her at:
1625 Lind, Quincy, Ill. 62301.

Betty Wescott needs our prayers as she is battling another form of cancer.
Her address for cards, 1600 Riverdale Rd. #21 Rock Falls, Il. 61071

JERRY FIEHLER, brother in law of National Chaplain, Barb Nobile,
passed away in Sterling, Kansas. Jerry had been ill with COPD for some
time and other health issues. He is now at peace with his love, Barb's sister
Pat.

PNP Caroline Ruhmshottel lost her sweet husband, Phil. Past chief passed
away after some serious health issues due to a fall. Remembrances for
Caroline may be mailed to: 9503 NE 11th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664-
3177.

**MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT AND YOU'LL BE HAPPY, YOU WILL FIND TRUE MEANING IN
YOUR LIFE, WHEN YOU LEARN TO UTILIZE EACH MOMENT,**

**THE SIMPLE THINGS WILL BRING YOU PEACE OF MIND. *MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT*
AND BE PRODUCTIVE, BE USEFUL IN A KIND AND HELPFUL WAY,**

**YOU WILL FIND THAT HAPPINESS COMES EASY AND YOU'LL BE CONTENT EACH MOMENT
OF THE WAY.**

MAKE MOMENTS COUNT THROUHOUT THE DAY, INSTEAD OF SIMPLY PASSING TIME AWAY,

MAKE MOMENTS COUNT AND YOU WILL FIND THE SECRET OF FINDING PEACE OF MIND.

***MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT* AND LIFE WILL LEAD YOU TO A SECRET WORLD YOU NEVER
THOUGHT YOU'D FIND.**

**YOU WILL FIND YOUR LIFE WILL BE WORTH LIVING AS THE WHISPERINGS OF LOVE DE-
LIGHT YOUR MIND.**

**MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT AND YOU'LL BE HAPPY, YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL BE
GROWING EVERY DAY,**

**WITH EVERY STEP YOU TAKE ALONG LIFES HIGHWAY, YOU WILL BE HELPING OTHERS TO
FIND THEIR WAY.**

Ways to STAY CONNECTED... Think Outside The Box

FreeConferenceCall.com : Create an account and chat with up to 1000 people at once, video conference available too. All for free!

Facebook Messenger: This Facebook app is primarily used for text chats, games and money transfers, but it also has video and audio call features that can connect up to six people at once.

Google Duo: Google Duo is available for Apple and Android phones and computers. Up to eight people can be included in one call.

Google Hangouts: Up to 10 people can participate in video conference via Google Hangout, which is available on multiple platforms.

Houseparty: This app can host video chats with up to eight people. It is available for Apple. It also has a few game capabilities.

Skype: Skype is the top dog of video chat apps, allowing up to 50 people to participate in a call.

WhatsApp: WhatsApp is popular for instant messaging but also has a video chat platform that allows up to four people to come together at a time.

Zoom: Zoom video chats can connect up to 100 people at one time in the app's free version. A paid subscription, starting at \$14.99 per month, allows even more participants.

Marco Polo: Marco Polo is a video app, allows users to leave video messages for each other on the app. Multiple users allowed in each conversation.

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminder—Bond Forms are due in the fall. The fee is only paid once per fiscal year when you send the bond. If your officers change you can send a new bond (without a fee) but it is not necessary, as long as the Election Of Officers Report has been filed with HQ the new officers will be covered until the end of the fiscal year.

Please remember to send Death certificates to all 6 places listed (4 if no Department). HQ needs a copy to keep our database up to date. They can be included in the envelope with a Transmittal, Election Report, Change of Address or other communication with HQ.

Bylaws Changes are due to HQ by MAY 12th, 2020.

please send to HQ emailed or postmarked prior to that date

SECTION 800 - AMENDMENTS - The National Bylaws may be revised, amended or repealed every year by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates present and voting at a National Convention, provided the proposed revision, amendment or repeal is submitted in triplicate typewritten form in the exact wording to National Headquarters, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the opening date of the National Convention at which said proposal is to be considered.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Reports are due July 1st

Americanism: Julie Jirovsky, 631 W 16th St, Wahoo, NE 68066

Child Welfare: Pat Engel, 2112 Hillview Dr, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 W Marquette Rd, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Leona Rowley, 10105 Grove Loop D, Westminster, CO 80031

Rehabilitation: Viola Trevino, 3337 Casa De Amigos, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

VAVS: Terri Gothard, 3644 E Northbrook Cir, Van Buren, AR 72956



SHIP STORE ...

The Store has moved the inventory onto the Square point of sale platform. When a purchase is made the receipt will be either emailed or texted immediately to the purchaser. Square allows the committee members the ability to see sales and inventory in real time.

Don't forget we have lots of new items... Garment Bags, EGA Necklaces, Blankets, Sunglass Cases, Padfolios, EGA Christmas Ornaments, Polos and Tunics.

Orders will be processed once a week.





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.
NATIONAL CREDENTIAL/DELEGATE FORM

Unit: _____ Unit Strength: _____ Delegates Allowed: _____
(To be verified by the Nat'l Secretary or the Registration Chair)

Unit City/State: _____ Dept: _____ Division: _____

Convention Location: Daytona Beach, FL Aug 10-15, 2020 Date: _____

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be determined on the basis of Unit membership strength reported to and on record with National Headquarters on July 1st immediately preceding each National Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Unit shall be as follows: For the first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular Members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of fifteen (15) members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. Only members in good standing are eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate (based on membership as of June 30). PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Del/Alt/ Member	Name	City, State	Office Held (if applicable)	Amount Paid	Pre Reg Y / N
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Upon election, make three (3) copies and return immediately to MCLA National Headquarters, c/o National Secretary, 3629 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554-7771 no later than July 1 immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5 per Delegate, Alternate or Member to have credentials prepared in advance. Please Note: The cost for registration after July 1 and at Convention will be \$6 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at Convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

Unit President _____ Witnessed: _____
Unit Secretary _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Date Received: _____
Nat'l Secretary/Registration Chair



BANNER FORM



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

UNIT / DEPARTMENT NAME

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS

PHONE and EMAIL

Please PRINT all information and return this form by July 1st to:

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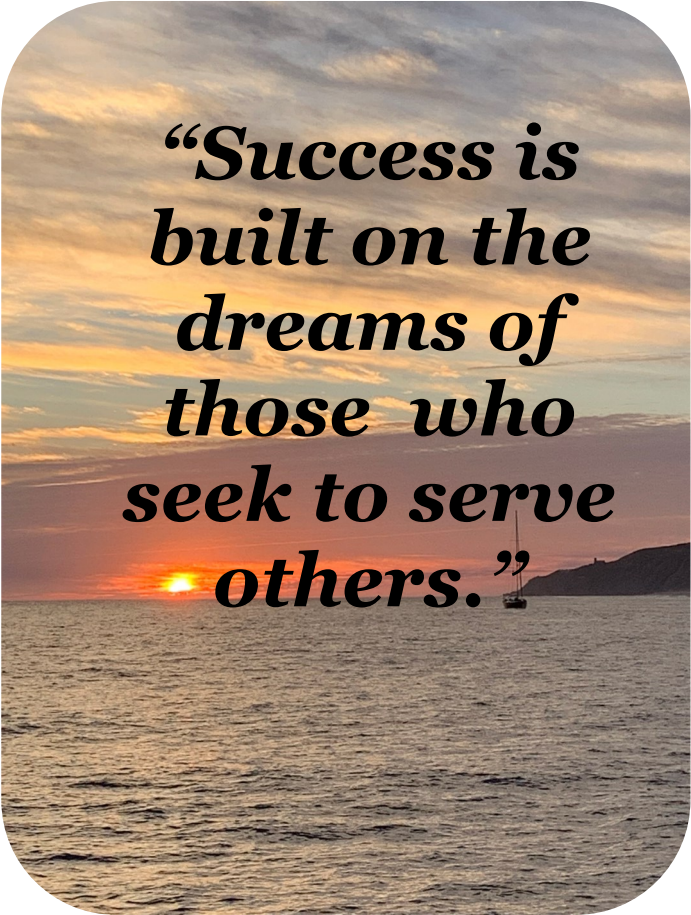




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A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, casting a glow across the sky and water. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The water is dark with small, white-capped waves. A small sailboat is visible on the horizon to the right of the sun.

***“Success is
built on the
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Please send articles and requests to MCLA-Newsletters@NationalMCLA.org
For a hardcopy, please send \$10 to the HQ office to cover shipping.