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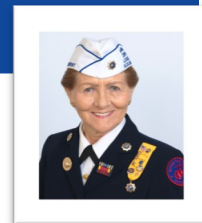
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National President Evelyn Joppa

Greeting Auxiliary Members!

Happy 245th Birthday to all our Marines!

This month we celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday and the special Veterans' Day to honor all Veterans who put their personal lives on hold to assure the safety of the United States of America. They gave of their knowledge, talents, and skill to help preserve our freedoms and lifestyle. To the Auxiliary members, this is an everyday occurrence to recognize the selfless gift they gave to every American. Our Auxiliary goals and principles help Veterans across the nation and always will. It is our honor to thank and serve our Marines, Active Duty Military, and all Veterans. We proudly say **Thank You!**

Happy Thanksgiving Day! Thanksgiving is a family affair dear to our hearts. It is a time to count our blessings and to savor the joy we have received through family and friends. It is a time to remember those who have lost precious love ones and to comfort our members and their families who are enduring hardships. I wish for all warmth and joy as you gather with family and friends to celebrate as your local community advises.

It was a special honor to install the officers of the PNP Norma A Liner Unit by Zoom October 13th. I was assisted by the able help of Carol Mazzara, Southeast Division Vice President. Congratulations for a wonderful first year! We wish for your unit much success and growth as you venture into your second year.

Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, Virginia is scheduled for February 25-27th. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible; there is a 250-guest limit. Units and Departments show your pride and support. Please put an ad in the program book. Details for registration and ads are located on the Marine Corps League website (<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>)

On October 22, 2020, Jim Ransom, MCL Convention Chair, and representatives from the League, the Devil Dogs, the Auxiliary, and the 2021 Convention host (Department of Illinois Convention Committee) gathered in Springfield, IL. There will be a report at Mid-Winter. The hotel and overflow hotel are both great facilities and across the street from each other. The Department of Illinois has some great ideas to make our Convention successful. Get your reservations in early. (<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>)

As we the Auxiliary move forward, I am confident things will get better. I challenge our auxiliary members to share what is working for their Units and Departments in these pandemic times. Working together: the best is yet to come!

Thank you for all you do. Be Safe, Be Well!

Semper Fidelis,

President Evelyn Joppa
National President

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

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Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee

Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief and Peggy Tuohy



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Well, here it is November; the leaves have changed, some of us have changed our clocks, we have changed our wardrobes (except for masks), and we are beginning to think of Thanksgiving and the Holidays and how different they are going to be for us this year.

But, you know what? There is one thing that has not changed, and that is the fact that your 990 is due by the 15th of this month. For you who have already done yours, thank you. For those of you who have not yet filed, there is still time and, although there is no penalty for late filing, why wait? For those few who do not file until the end of the calendar year, consider this a gentle reminder that you have from January 1st to May 15th to file.

For you first-time filers, the process is not as scary or complicated as you may think. A good tutorial can be found on the IRS website – go to irs.gov; click on Charities & Nonprofits and put Publication 5248 in the search box. The instructions are easy to follow and will make filing your 990 for the first time much easier.

When completing your 990 I suggest you print off each page as you finish and look them over for any errors, because once you hit the Submit button there is no going back to make a correction. Maintaining these pages is also a good reference for the next year and for your successor, as they cannot see what you submitted.

After you have filed your 990, don't forget you need to log back in to check the status of the filing. This process can be a bit cumbersome but it is something that needs to be done. For those of you who have not done this before or for first-timers, here are the steps to follow:

- Log onto 990 electronic filing system e-postcard
- Form 990-N (e-postcard) Internal Revenue Service
- Scroll down to the Ready to File Heading & click on Form 990N Electronic Filing System (e-postcard)
- Go to Log In; enter your user name and password and submit
- SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT – Continue
- Manage Form 990-N Submission – this page will list all submissions made and status of same
- Go to Submission ID & click on the #; when the page appears you can print off the confirmation that your 990 was accepted.

Remember, according to our Administrative Procedures CHAPTER EIGHT SUBSIDIARIES, SECTION 850 - IRS REPORTS, (B) IRS Form 990-N, ...the acceptance receipt must be filed with the unit, department, division and national headquarters.

I hope you have found this information helpful and, as always, if you have a question regarding filing your 990 please do not hesitate to contact me either via email at ssgtwife@verizon.net or phone 215-355-2909.

In closing, I would like to wish all of my Auxiliary Sisters and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, and although sometimes it may not seem that we have a lot to be thankful for, we really do when you stop and think about it.

Semper Fidelis,
Linda S. Chamberlain , **National Senior Vice President**

**Filing
your
990-N**



JR Vice President

Carry-on
And
Persevere

What will November bring to you or your Unit? We usually have a division conference where we have the opportunity to vote for a new Division Vice President and Assistant every couple of years. In light of the pandemic and our cancelled National Convention, the Division Vice Presidents, like our other National Board members, are remaining in office until the next regularly scheduled election no matter the length of her term of office. I am so very grateful to our National President and the rest of the National Board, for coming together in April to establish the emergency plans for our units, departments and divisions. I am also extremely thankful to the division vice presidents across our country who willingly stepped up to continue in their leadership position.

November also brings us the Marine Corps Birthday celebrations – or used to. If you are a Member-at-Large I hope you are able to join with others to celebrate this occasion, even if it is not in person. If you belong to a unit I pray that you are all able to be together in some fashion at this special time. In my own Unit we will not be having our large USMC Birthday Ball this year but we will be together for a much smaller celebratory dinner. As with every other event across our nation and world, gatherings continue to be different. With this in mind you can imagine what the Gathering of Dogs was like that I attended in Ocean City, Maryland, last month.

Nevertheless we carry on to the next month and season, we persevere. The fall season reminds me to put away my shorts and t-shirts and unpack warmer clothes for the upcoming winter season. In one of the bins I came upon a fleece vest that I used to wear but recalled I was no longer a member of the organization connected to the logo on the vest. As many of you know I am not a good seamstress but I do own a seam ripper. Yes, I attempted to remove the embroidered logo and it was disastrous! As a consequence, I needed to take a break and got out my newsletter again. Do you happen to remember from last month's newsletter there were pictures of new items available in our Ship Store? I quickly found the page about the Ship Store which inspired me to go to our website and see the whole line of goods and products offered to our members. I spied a logo patch (not the one for uniforms) which I thought would fit perfectly over the corporate logo on my fleece vest – and I would not need to destroy any more of the vest.

Therefore I am preparing an order to send in to Ramona, our new secretary. One item will be, of course, the Auxiliary logo patch for my fleece vest. Oh, look, there is the new tumbler, and ooh, a Christmas ornament and a pretty

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fleece blanket that would be warm in the car! Ordinarily by this time of the year, most of my Christmas shopping is finished but now I see a few items that I could order.

For some of us it is difficult to think about Christmas shopping and gifts while our lives are in such upheaval but we must carry on and continue to do the good works we have started. While we may be sheltering in place, under quarantine, out of work or away from family we must continue to support each other in our units, families and communities.

Never let anything discourage your power to grow and achieve your goals — not even a global pandemic. Celine Reinoso

God Bless,

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National Junior Vice President

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Announcements From The Office

Don't forget to send in your transmittals! Membership is due.

Please alert your members to add the newsletter and office emails to their allowed senders list (or contact list). We are having bounce backs due to increased security on many email providers.

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(newsletters is plural)

Also use the new Post Office Box when sending anything to the Headquarters Office. MCLA HQ P O Box 3038 Stafford, VA 22555-3038

Ship's Store—Shipping costs have been increased through the holiday.

Judge Advocate

For those Departments who have had to cancel their Fall convention or staff meeting and have NOT had their election of officers for the 2020-2021 year, we have in place an Emergency Plan for Elections and Installation.

The National Board of Trustees have put an Addendum on the original plan in place for this exact possible instance, in the event Covid -19 health and safety measures prohibit a safe environment for meeting attendance. This Addendum allows the Department to host virtual elections and/or installations. However, the virtual election/installation must occur after Oct.31 and is to be completed *before* November 25, 2020. The Installation of Officers Form must be *received* at National Headquarters by the end of November.

Please make every effort to ensure completeness of ALL the required information on the installation form, including the E.I.N number, Incorporation Number, and last 990 filing date. It is imperative that we stay compliant in our paperwork.

If you have any questions in reference completing this form, please reach out to your Division Vice President.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Marines a Happy Birthday!

Semper Fi and God Bless,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate

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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..

AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING, WHERE EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER

BEVERLY STOLTENBURG* 1-29-2020 Kampeska Unit, SD.

BARBARA LAVELLE* 3-07-2020 Lake Havasu Unit, Florida. Condolences to:
Tom LaVelle, 635 Lookout Lane, Lake Havasu, Fl. 86403.

DONNA SILVA* 3-09-2020 Lake Havasu Unit, Florida, Condolences to: Ron
Silva, 3398 Hornet Bay N, Lake Havasu, and Fl. 86406.

CAROLINE HALL * JUNE 2019 Rocky Mt Division. (No next of kin as her
husband passed away last November.

JANET LeBEAU * 8-30-2020 Downriver Unit, Michigan. Condolences to: Dale
LeBeau, 12432 Irene, Southgate, MI. 48195.

DOROTHY THOMPSON * 9-29-2020 DEFUNCT UNIT, Aksarben, NE.
Condolences to Niece and husband, Geraldine and Robert Thurber, 1100
Skylark Drive, Omaha, NE, 69114.

**SO LET ME GO- AND MAY THERE BE NO GRIEF WHEN LIFE IS DONE
AND I MUST SAY GOODBYE. I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE WITH FLOWERS
AND FALLING LEAF, AND LIE IN PEACEFUL SLEEP BENEATH THE SKY.**

Etta Gill could use our prayers as she tends to the needs of her husband,
Johnny Gill. He fell while at the Devil Dog gathering and did some extensive
damage to his body. Johnny has a crack in the L-1 and a fracture in the L-3. By
the reading of this newsletter, he should be home and out of rehab. Cards of
encouragement for both may be mailed to: 118 S 13th Street, Allentown, PA.
18102.

Central Missouri Unit member, Sallie Jacobs was hospitalized for Covid. Our
thoughts and prayers for her recovery may be mailed to: 2920 A. Skyview Drive,
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101-3979.

Natasha Loyd from the Mason O Yarbrough Unit in MO had a really rough
month. Her uncle passed away in October. While her son was home visiting, a
neighbor stopped by who had tested positive for Covid. This quickly went
through her family in another state. Her father was at home ill. Her stepmother
passed away of Covid that same week. Natasha is Dept of MO Sec/Treas,. And
a valued member of her unit. Prayers and cards of cheer may be sent to her at:
Natasha Loyd, RR2 Box 2423 HWY 72, Sedgewickville, MO. 65781.



Nancy Frye from the Dept of Minnesota is taking care of her Marine hubby who
had a pacemaker placed. This Marine is the driver for Minnesota gals to get to

conventions. Cards of encouragement for all: Nancy and Dave Frye, 708 Grant Ave. N Mankato, MN. 56003-2943

Karen Bressler had some good news to share with us this past month her tumor marker has come down three points. She is MOST appreciative of your cards and prayers.

Barry Georgeopolus also expressed his gratitude for all of the prayers and cards following the passing of his loving wife Bea.

Peggy Brucker, from the Dept of Minnesota lost her husband Oct. 13th 2020. Cards of condolence may be mailed to her at: 103 Parsons St. Mankato, MINN. 56004.

National Assistant chaplain, Tracey Killinger is handling her Immunotherapy very well, following her most recent treatment, she felt fine.

PNP Karen Aune continues to need our most powerful prayers. Karen has a wonderful sister who is there with her at all times. Karen will not be able to drive, return to work or be left alone. She has brain scans scheduled and the first of November a follow up with the oncologist. She is staying positive and I know your cards and prayers are a big help. Her address is: 46 Cypress in the Woods, Port Orange, Florida, 32129.

As always I ask that the death certificates be mailed or emailed to me as soon as possible. My thanks to all members who keep me informed.

Respectfully submitted. PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain

The Lewis G. Watkins Unit located in South Carolina is proud to share what service programs they participate in. Since our membership is small, we do a lot of partnering. We partner with our detachment to help with Belk Charity Days, Duke Energy World of Energy Festival of Trees, Toys for Tots and we participate with them to honor the memory of Lewis G. Watkins, the only known recipient of the Medal of Honor in the county. We also partner with an American Legion Auxiliary unit to collect paper products for the Rosa Clark free medical clinic. We collect soda can tabs for Ronald MacDonald House and personal health products and other items for the Anderson Veterans' clinic. Two times a year, Veterans' Day and Memorial Day, we place both USMC and American flags at all cemeteries in the county where Marines are buried.



We received a surprise gift package from our "sister" unit, The Holy City Unit in Summerville, S.C. We feel pride in their programs too and will continue to support them when we can. Both units are excited about the possibility of a new unit forming so that we can finally have a South Carolina Department.

Season's Greetings from the Ships Store Crew

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME IDEAS FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON ON YOUR LIST
PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE ITEMS AND MORE ON OUR MCLA WEBSITE.

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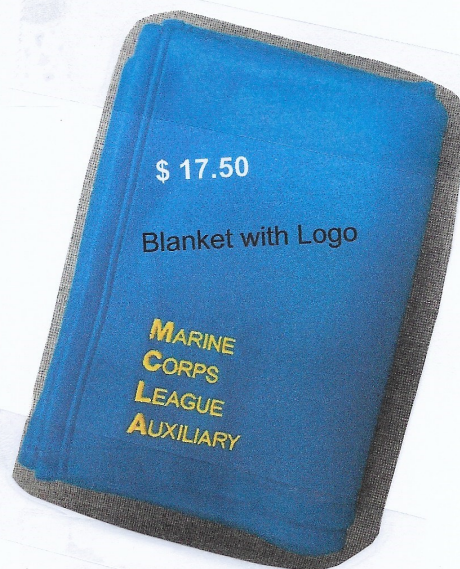


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Sunglass Case

\$11.95



Blanket with Logo

MARINE
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Christmas Ornament Blue (EGA)



USMC Pin



\$19.00

Ear Rings Gold Plated

Ear Rings Two Tone

Necklace EGA two Tone



Tote Blue w/Logo

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Garment Bag Blue (no Logo)

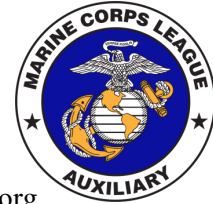
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