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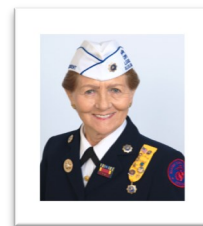
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## National President Evelyn Joppa



### ***Spring has sprung!!!***

We are moving into times where things are opening to more or less normal activity. The safety of our members must come first. Keep this in mind as you plan your spring fundraisers.

You are all resourceful! Think outside the box; give those new ideas a chance to be successful.



Share your success! The public sees the value of what we do as we promote activities to help our active duty military personnel and veterans. Please wear your Auxiliary shirts to spark interest and the opportunity to recruit.

I spent the better part of the first week of March at MCLA National Headquarters assisting our National Secretary Ramona Smith to prepare documents from the Mid-Winter Zoom Conference. Mideast Division VP Doris Bujanowski and her Marine spent Tuesday helping and treated us to lunch.

In March I was honored to install the new officers for two Florida Units: Morris Dixon and Spring Hill.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, I checked in on the zoom connection for the Central Division Conference for the most impressive Workshop "How do you Dip your Toes into Social Media" by Elizabeth LaPouttre. We also viewed the Department of Michigan's "Rose" video, again an outstanding job, bringing tears for the tributes to our Veterans. It was an honor to receive an invitation to this part of the Conference.

The Dept of Florida Spring Conference will be my next trip. Then off to the Department of Colorado Convention. These

## National President continued

are treasured opportunities giving the National President an opportunity to meet more of our dedicated members and see the wonderful work the Auxiliaries are doing.

The New Port Richey VA Clinic has invited several volunteers back. It is wonderful to be back helping our veterans in this capacity.

Please keep those effected by the recent devastating tornadoes in your prayers.

***Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others!*** ebj

*Semper Fidelis,*

*Evelyn Joppa*



**Volunteer Reports are due to  
Committee Chairs by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Send to the following:**

Americanism:

Tracey Killinger, 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy S, Chambersburg, PA 17202-9202

Child Welfare:

Pat Engel, 2112 Hillview Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Civics:

Judy Blackmer, 4530 Marquette Road, 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 Circle, Van Buren, AR 72956

# SR Vice President

## Linda Chamberlain

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**Happy Spring.** The mounds of snow are gone from the yard; the trees are beginning to bud; and the hyacinths and daffodils are poking their heads up out of the ground. All is good.

While trying to decide what to write about this month, a question from Jr. Vice Dotty Sanning during the Mid-Winter Conference started me thinking that many of you may not know what I am referring to when I give a report or write a Newsletter article on EIN's or 990's. So, since April is tax month, I decided to help everyone better understand the references.

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| EIN                  | Employer Identification Number – think of this as your Unit or Department's Social Security Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 990                  | This is the form each of us must complete for the IRS at the end of our fiscal year. If yours ends June 30, the 990 must be filed between July 1 and November 15; if your fiscal year ends December 31, the 990 must be filed between January 1 and May 15. Think of this as filing your personal income tax. The penalty for not filing your personal taxes is monetary; the penalty for not filing your 990 for three (3) consecutive years is the revocation of your Unit or Department's EIN number. <i>As per Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Administrative Procedures Chapter Eight Subsidiaries Section 850 - IRS Reports</i> , a copy of the acceptance of your 990 filing must be sent to National Headquarters. |
| 501(c)3              | Referred to as a Charitable Organization – Organized for Profit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 501(c)4              | Social Welfare Organization – Not Organized for Profit; operates exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (This is Us – the MCLA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Revocation Letter    | The letter you receive from the IRS if your EIN number has been revoked.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Determination Letter | The letter you receive from the IRS with your EIN number. A copy of this letter should be sent to National Headquarters. This letter should be kept in a safe place, my suggestion is to keep it in the frame with your charter. The treasurer should also have a copy in the file that is passed from treasurer to treasurer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Parent List          | The listing of all Marine Corps League Detachments and Departments, all Marine Corps League Auxiliary Units and Departments, all Military Order of Devil Dog Pounds and Packs and all Military Order of Devil Dog Flea Hides that have EIN numbers. The list is updated to when the acceptance of the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain Continued

990 filing is received. At the request of the National Secretary, the COO of the Marine Corps League notifies the IRS to add a unit or department to the IRS' EO MBF (Exempt Organizations Business Master File) when a copy of a new unit or department's Determination Letter is received by National Headquarters or when a unit or department receives a new EIN number or has its current EIN number reinstated following revocation.

I think that about covers everything I usually reference from time-to-time in my reports, a newsletter article or an email.

**Happy Passover and Happy Easter (don't eat too many peeps)!**

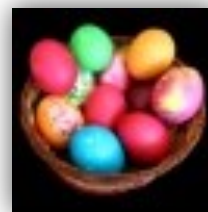


Semper Fidelis

*Linda S. Chamberlain*

*National Senior Vice President*

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### FROM THE OFFICE:

Happy Easter to all our wonderful members and families. May happy thoughts and springtime flowers brighten all of your days!

A quick update from our vendor who produces our Covers - it appears that there is a shortage of material due to COVID which has created a back-log on orders. Until this is resolved, any orders for Covers could take up to 12 weeks for delivery, so please plan accordingly and get your orders in early!

Ramona, National Secretary



# **JR Vice President**

## **Dotty Sanning**

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Last month my newsletter article addressed the Membership Report that I presented at our Mid-Winter Zoom. I recognized those units and departments that achieved 100% membership by the deadline and there were several! COVID and quarantines may have played a part in some units not getting together for activities or meetings and interest may have waned; some members may have relocated, passed away, or simply chose not to renew their membership. Those are some of the reasons why we always want to be recruiting more members.

Factoring in the losses, our Auxiliary currently has a total of 124 units, with only 40 of them achieving 100% reporting by the deadline. Furthermore, we had 30 units that had not turned in any transmittals of membership over the last year. Is this accurate? Do we have an issue somewhere that needs to be addressed and corrected?

Division Vice Presidents will examine the report closely to determine what may be happening in their division and may use this membership report as a teaching tool. They will try to find out what happened in those units and departments so we can have a more correct accounting of our memberships. It is up to everyone in a leadership position to assess what has happened. Did the Unit not turn in transmittals to their Department Treasurer? If not, why not? Department Presidents can assist their Treasurers by asking the same question – what happened? Did you mail the transmittals to the correct person? Unit officer rosters can change very quickly and it is incumbent upon them to make sure that information and addresses are correct. As a reminder, if your unit or department will have an election of officers, please get that report turned in within fifteen days of the installation. Not to mention it is always a privilege to perform an installation at a unit or department, use this opportunity to invite someone as per the Administrative Procedures, Chapter Six, Section 620.

I will work closely with Division Vice Presidents, and others, to get those transmittals turned in on time and correctly. If your Unit or Department is having trouble with transmittals, take advantage of your chain of command to assist you with any problems.

**Dotty Sanning**  
**National Junior Vice President**

# National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

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Have you ever experienced learning about an opportunity after it has already passed? Have you ever wished you could have participated in an event for your Unit, Department, or Division, if only you knew?



Communication is one of the most important connections we have with each other. Information needs to flow from National, down the chain of command, in order for everyone to have the information they need, including being given the opportunity to participate in events.

It is imperative that when National sends information out, Division forwards it to their Departments, Departments notify their Units, and Units notify their members. In the event that the Department does not exist, the Division Vice President will be responsible to contact the Unit Presidents.

In order for the communication to flow the way it is designed; two things must have happened. First, the Units and Departments must have the Installation of Officer Report submitted to the proper offices. This allows everyone an up-to-date list of who is in charge and their desired way to commute.

Secondly, the Division VP should have an email group created for their Division which consists of Department Presidents and Unit Presidents, where a Department is not present.

The Department President and the Department Secretary need to have an email group which consists of the Unit Presidents and Secretaries. The Unit is then responsible to communicate this information to all members.

We must all work together to keep our membership healthy in numbers. This means not only attaining new members but retaining members. When people feel left out or uninformed, whether done unintentionally, it creates a lack of trust, feelings of being unimportant to the MCLA, and many might question why they have membership with us. Just like in any relationship, communication is the "key". And in organizations such as ours, that "key" can unlock more potential in every single member.

So, dedicate some time this month to ensure your membership rosters are up-to-date and you have the information you need to communicate effectively. You never know what you might unlock.

Semper Fi and God's Blessings,

*Mary Brief*

# MCLA Memorial Fund

## Chair PNP Carol Smith

Greetings, Ladies! With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the need to assist many of our veterans and their families is greater than ever. With this in mind, I am requesting that each member, unit, and department consider making a donation to our National Memorial Fund.

In the past, a table was set up at the annual Mid-Winter Conferences and National Conventions to raffle items and accept donations to this fund. Because last year's Mid-Winter Conference and National Convention were cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, we lost the opportunity to hold our raffles and to solicit donations from members in attendance. This resulted in a significant loss of potential funds for the Memorial Fund.

The Memorial Fund assists Marines and other veterans and their families who find themselves in dire need due to unexpected circumstances. The letters and cards that the committee receives from recipients expressing their gratitude at a time when they needed our support is rewarding and heartwarming. We really do make a difference!

We hope to continue to be a resource that can help these families get through a financial crisis and get back on their feet for many years to come. We need your support to do this. Any and all donations are needed and appreciated. You, your unit, or your department may want to consider making an annual donation to the Memorial Fund.

Donations may also be made in honor of a friend or relative or in memory of a deceased loved one. Every donation will be acknowledged with a letter of thanks from the committee. If the contribution is made in honor of a friend or relative or in memory of a deceased loved one, a letter will be sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased person to acknowledge receipt of a financial gift. The donation form is available on the MCLA website ([www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org)). Checks should be made payable to MCLA National Memorial Fund.

In the words of our National President Evelyn Joppa: *"Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others!"* Thank you so much, Ladies, for all that you do for others.

Semper Fidelis,

*Carol Smith*

PNP Carol Smith, Chairman



**National Chaplain**  
**PNP Barbara Nobile**  
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RUTH URSO \* Hardware City Unit, CT - 2-16-2021 Condolences to fiancé Robert Smith, 348 Chamberlain Hwy. Kensington, CT. 06037.

HENRITTA VARGAS\* Alamo Unit, Texas- February 6, 2021 Condolences to husband, Carlos Vargas, 132 Stratford Ct. San Antonio, Texas, 78223.

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Pat Engel lost her sister, Marion, who would have turned 99 this summer. Marion was the Marine that allowed pat and her daughter, Teena Foster to be members of the MCLA. Cards may be directed to Pat and Teena Foster at, 3888 Ricklyn Drive, Chambersburg, PA. 17202.

Janet Misak, Dept of NJ sec/treas. needed our cards of prayer following surgery. Her address is- 55 Gordon Ave. Fords, NJ. 08863. Janet wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers following her surgery. She could not believe all the cards from all parts of the country.

Karen Mastriana, Dept of PA President had lower lumbar surgery. Cards of cheer for her go to- 940 Mary Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Carrie McIntosh could use our healing prayers following surgery. 451 Fort Mott Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

Emma Bickel, Salem County Unit, NJ, Could use daily prayers as she goes through radiation treatments.

Diana Avant, from the Dept of NJ wishes to extend her gratitude for the well wishes and thinking of you cards since her fall a rehab stay. She is still in rehab and still on liquid antibiotics, but hopes to be home soon.

Members are to be thanked for their cards to Yolanda Davis, daughter in law of Marilyn Kitchen New. She had three chemo treatments that did not work. She is in hospice now until a miracle happens. Please offer up prayers.



*Prayer Requests*

Natsha Loyd from the Cpl Mason O Yarbrough Unit needed our prayers for her husband, Marine David. He had surgery on his rotator cuff. Cards may be sent to them, RR2 Box 2423 Hwy. 72, Sedgewickville, MO. 63781.

Central Missouri Unit member Debbie McIllwain was in the hospital and needed our urgent prayers. Her cancer has returned, she is now home and taking chemo treatments. Please keep her and her daughters in your prayers. She is now scheduled for chemo and we wish her well.

## National Chaplain continued

Larry Nehring Unit member from Iowa, Teresa BeLieu, fell at her place of employment, Firestone, and broke her knee cap in two places. She was in the hospital but is now in a rehab facility in Des Moines. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at- 3700 SW 31<sup>st</sup>. Street, Des Moines, IA, 50321.

Mrs. Joan Maslo, lost her Marine, David Maslo after hospital and rehab stays. Cards of condolence may be mailed to Joan at, 402 Magnolia Ave. Aldan, PA. 19018. Dave's daughter has had a rough year not being able to see her Dad due to covid. Cards of condolence for her- Joan Morris, 521 Charmont Ave. Folcroft, PA 19032.

Sandy Morris took a fall down the steps and broke her ankle. Cards may be mailed to her at\_ 624 Mohawk Street, Norwood, PA 19074

Respectfully Submitted,  
PNP Barbara Nobile

## National Central Division VP Renee McGuan

As I stated during our Mid-Winter Zoom meeting, I would like to report on the success of Central Division Operation Little Angel donation at our recent Conference.

When PNP Karen Aune passed, I thought about where I wanted to send a Memorial. It occurred to me that we had the OLA event coming up, so I decided I would donate to that in memory of PNP Aune as well as PNP Virginia Johnson (Thanks to my Assistant Ann LeClair) since both were members of the Central Division. My friend offered to match my donation. He also asked his Detachment for a donation which they graciously gave. Things started to snowball with Units, Departments and Individuals giving. When I arrived at the Conference, we had three luggage carts full of items, including numerous gift cards.

We chose Safe Harbor from the Storm in Sheboygan, WI. Safe Harbor provides services to reach out to those affected by sexual assault and domestic abuse; provide support to those in crisis; and to educate individuals, families and the community, with the tools needed to empower them to live lives free of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

We had a very successful Conference, and I would like to thank all who participated. There were several enthusiastic first timers which was very exciting.

I believe it exemplifies Madam President Joppa's mantra of ***"Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others!"***

Renee McGuan  
National Central Division Vice President

# Marine Corps League Auxiliary

## Programs of Pride Spring Hill Unit , Florida

**Spring Hill Unit, Florida held their installation of officers March 18th.  
National President Evelyn Joppa installing officer, Dept Sr Vice President  
Sandra Tottz-Fry installing Chaplain .**



Member of the year award presented to Kathleen Hagel ( center) By President Kathleen Rottino , President (left) and Mildred Bernier Past Unit President.

All have received this award by vote of the unit for dedication above and beyond .

Always encouraging unit members to do there best and praising every effort.

## Have MCLA Questions? Or Concerns?



Our National Newsletter will have a new section in the coming months for questions. Questions will be referred to the appropriate officer or officers. Each month only five questions will be addressed. Members can send their questions to [MCLA-Newsletters@nationalmcla.org](mailto:MCLA-Newsletters@nationalmcla.org).

We all need to think outside the box and share what is working in your home area. Sharing information and asking questions help all of us. Laughter and smiles go a long way to keep members working for our goals and objectives. Happy members are more likely attend and participate.

How does your unit:

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

Share your information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...

We want to here from you!

[MCLAHQ@NationalMCLA.org](mailto:MCLAHQ@NationalMCLA.org)



# Ships Store

## April Polo Shirt Sale



**\$5 OFF BRIGHT BLUE POLO**  
**REG \$35 NOW \$30**



**\$4 OFF BLUE HEATHER POLO**  
**REG \$31 NOW \$27**

**ALSO...Don't forget some of our newer items. These items as well as many more are available at our MCLA website.**



**Tote Blue with Logo \$20**



**Blanket with Logo \$17.50**



**Tumbler Blue with Logo \$25**

**Check out our newsletter for special sales each month until our convention in August! Thank you for your support: Debbby, Judy, and Mitzy your SHIPS STORE CREW.**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

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