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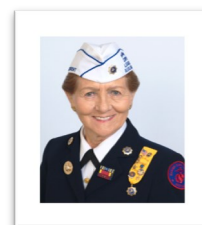
Mid-Winter Conference will be held Virtually in cooperation with the Marine Corps League

This change is due to the COVID-19 restrictions in the state of Virginia.

The Auxiliary Staff Conference will remain on the same dates with an adjusted schedule. The schedule will be sent out by email and posted on the Website . We should have the Schedule by the 15th of February.

The hotel will cancel all reservations related to the event. Refunds for the registration, banquet & ads will be handled by the National League Headquarters Office. **Please be patient!**

National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings and Happy Valentine's Day!

May all of you be blessed with love, flowers, and chocolate.

This month of showing our love seems like a perfect time to discuss a somewhat sensitive topic. Heavy on my heart are the personality problems that crop up in all organizations, but especially when it comes to our beloved Marine Corps League Auxiliary. This is a troublesome issue that affects many of our units and departments across the country.

Each and every member has value and should be treated with kindness and respect. Personality issues have no place in the Auxiliary! Set aside those personal likes and dislikes and focus on the true reasons we exist. We need to extend the hand of friendship to all members. Our goals in the Auxiliary are to assist our Marines, Veterans, Community, and Family. Our fellow members are our Auxiliary Family. Let us all remember to encourage each and every member to do her best and praise that effort.

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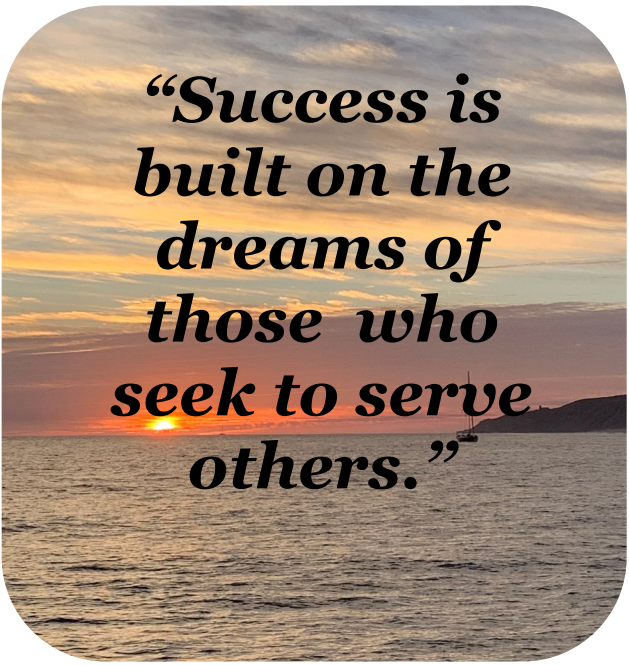
Please remember that there are many ways of doing things to accomplish a task. We all have different talents, some strong and some weak, but together we become solid as we embrace ideas that are new or different from ours. Helen Keller stated, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"

Our mission is to mentor other members to stretch their wings and become the leaders, passing on all knowledge so that they have all the tools to be successful. If we do this right, they will take our knowledge, add their ideas, and become dedicated members focusing on our goals and objectives. Please, please, put aside differences and recognize all members as team players and remember that **"Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others!"**

A final important note...the second week of February is traditionally National Salute to Veteran Patients for VA Hospitals across the nation. This year it is February 15th – 20th. Please check with your VA and see if there is anything you can do to assist. Due to our social distancing rules, opportunities are limited. We have many members who volunteer at the VA Hospitals & Clinics. Thank you for what you do all year long.

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn Joppa



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HELEN KELLER

In Loving Memory...



PNP KAREN AUNE

Karen Aune, our beloved Past National President, went to heaven on February 1, 2022, following a long and valiant battle with cancer. She rests in the loving arms of our Lord and joins her late husband, Ken, a Marine, in eternal life. She will be dearly missed by her family, and is survived by her son, grandchildren, mother, brother, nieces, and her twin sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Sharon Sir, both Marines. Sharon shared a special bond with Karen, and also cared for Karen during her illness. Her loss will also be felt tremendously by her Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary

families. Karen left a legacy of extraordinary service, mentoring others at all levels during her service to the MCLA. Her fierce devotion to our Marines will live on through that legacy. Karen loved life, but more importantly, she lived her life to love every person she touched. May she rest in peace.

I Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.



Mideast Division VP PATRICIA WALKER



Patricia (Pat) Walker Mideast Division Vice President is in the loving arms of our Lord after a short illness. She passed January 20th early morning, surrounded by her loving family.

She warmed the heart of many in her giving and dedicated way. A true worker for the veterans and our Auxiliary.

Cards of condolence may be sent to the family: Lee Walker & Family, 149 Denise Rd, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

Viewing was January 28, 6-8 PM, Services January 29, 1:00 PM Jones Funeral Home, 303 Chaney Ave, Jacksonville, NC 28540. Followed by graveside service at Coastal Carolina National Cemetery.

SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain

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Well, here we are at the beginning of the second month of 2021 and, unfortunately, for most of us COVID-19 is still a high beam in our rearview mirrors and continuing to cause havoc and disrupting the best laid plans of mice and men. But, I do have faith that that high beam will dim in the months to come as more and more people become vaccinated.

I am sure many of you did not find it necessary to contact Rust Insurance this year to request a Certificate of Insurance for an event you were having. I am putting this out there as a reminder: If you plan to hold an event (once we are able), don't forget to contact Rust and let them know. Remember, the insurance is designed to protect you against claims alleging negligence that causes injuries to third parties (persons other than members). It does not cover suits brought against a member by another. This is not an accident insurance policy for our members and was never intended to be such a policy. The Special Event Questionnaire and Certificate of Insurance Request Form may all be downloaded from the MCL website at <https://www.mclnational.org/event-insurance.html>

COVID-19 did not give us a pass on filing our 990's. If your fiscal year ended on June 30th you should have filed your 990 by November 15th. For those few whose fiscal year ended on December 31st you have until May 15th to file your 990. If you have not done so already, why not file your 990 today, and that will be one more thing off of your to-do list.

In gathering the information to prepare my 990 report, I noticed we still have some units that show their EIN number as being revoked and also units that have never filed a 990. Ladies, the IRS **will revoke** your EIN number if you do not file. If you need help, just let me know and I will be happy to email you the instructions on how to file a 990. If you have problems while filing, call the IRS and they will help you. Remember, if you do find it necessary to contact the IRS, be sure to make note of the agent's name and ID number in case you need to call them back.

In closing, I just want to remind everyone of the following two events at the Mid-Winter Conference.

- President's Council on Friday, Feb. 26, at noon in the Clairmont Room – bring your lunch
- Madam President's Breakfast, Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 AM – location to be determined

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !

Until next time – **Stay Safe.**

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain



JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

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Greetings from the Midwest,

Ordinarily this is one of my most favorite months. In the past few years my Devil Dog and I have been fortunate enough to travel to the east coast for the Mid-Winter Staff Meeting. I fondly recall attending one a few years back when I was a Department President. It appeared to be a less hurried type of conference that gave me the opportunity to really talk with and get to know our elected national officers. I was able to sit down and ultimately chat with the Division Vice Presidents, and their Assistants also. Sometimes the National Convention can appear overwhelming but the Mid-Winter Staff Conference seemed to be a good time to ask any Division Vice President even more questions – which I know they all just loved! Additionally, during the conference I could pass a note to my Division Vice President as she was right there so I felt I had more quality time with her before and after meeting times.

Nonetheless, February is also the perfect time to begin thinking about officer elections in your units and departments. Generally speaking you may or may not be attending Unit and Department meetings but the positions still need to be filled for the next year. With the awesome technology that many of us have been using it could open even more opportunities for different people to hold positions. All things considered, if your unit will only be allowed to hold Zoom meetings then perhaps a homebound member could fill a position. Our in-person meetings are dependent on the rules in our communities but Zoom meetings have much more capabilities!

Obviously it can sometimes be a challenge to actually come out and say “I would like to hold a leadership position in our unit” but YOU CAN DO IT! I have confidence in you. Many have come before you and many will come after you. Remember that you are not alone; you have many ladies to assist you in your endeavors. That is one of the things we do best!

Semper Fidelis,
Dotty Sanning

FROM THE OFFICE:

*The ultimate dream in life is to
be able to do what you love and learn something from it.*

Supporting our Marines, our Veterans, and their Families is both a
rewarding and growing endeavor.

Thanks for all that you do! Have a Happy Valentine's day!!!

Ramona, National Secretary

National Judge Advocate Mary Brief NationalJA@nationalmcla.org

Recently, there has been some confusion about bank account requirements and financial records. The bylaws are clear as to how this should be handled.

Article Five; Section 503- Treasurers Financial Records

(A) The Unit bank account shall be in the name of the Auxiliary and two signatures (President and Treasurer) are required on all checks and/or savings withdrawals. Accurate records must be kept for all receipts and disbursements. The records must show a detailed account on the expenditure of all funds such as: general expense, hospital, rehabilitation, fund raising project, etc. Treasurer's books are to be audited every three months by the Auditing Committee.

(B) The Treasurer may keep records using a computer, but must transfer all records to a permanent book which would be available for auditing and historical purposes. These financial records are never to be destroyed.

(C) Files shall be kept for FIVE (5) years - past FOUR (4) and current year.

(1) Oldest file is to be shredded each new year. (Rev. 08/11)

(2) **ALL LEGAL RECORDS** are to be retained in proper files, not to be destroyed

(3) Applications for membership should **never** be destroyed.

This means **only** the Unit name should be imprinted on the checks. The reason for this is that if a person's name appears on the check, it could be conceived that the person listed would have ownership to the account and its contents. In addition, it is not a financially sound decision to list a personal name, because each time the position is filled by a new person, money would be a wasted in ordering new checks.

The treasurer position is a vital position within the Unit and the Department. She not only handles financial records, but is responsible for membership records, tax and incorporation filings, mailing donation checks, receipts of donations, budgets, and ensuring thank you notes for donations and other correspondence letters are sent. Oftentimes the treasurer is also ensuring membership contact information is up to date. She has an important role of keeping and updating files. It is important that other members of the Unit understand what the treasurer responsibilities entails, it helps all members understand what and why deadlines and requirements are necessary.

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National Judge Advocate continued

Furthermore, it is important to note that while non members are permitted to attend Unit meetings when sponsored by a member in good standing, regular business may be conducted during their presence. However, NO Treasurer reports of any kind should be read in the presence of any guest unless it has been approved by the vote of the members present. This is also true if you are sending out minutes to your membership or other entities. Your meeting minutes should never have any treasury balances included; however, it is appropriate for the treasurer's report to be sent as a separate document to **only** your members in good standing. The practice of having your treasury report separate should become a standard, as it is a member privilege to have knowledge and a voice in how and where the Unit chooses to appropriate funds.

Speaking on matters of money is always an uncomfortable topic, much like the tithing sermon at church, and everyone seems to have her own opinion. Thankfully we have clear by-laws in the MCLA to keep all Units on the same page.

Finally, should any member in good standing like to submit a suggestion on changing any by-law in regards to this or any other topic, by-law change submissions are being accepted. Look for an upcoming article pertaining to that process!

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

A Note From The Ship Store:

Ordering from the Ship Store is easy! Pictures of all items are in the catalog on our web page.

- * Find what you need/want
- * Complete the order form.
- * Email it to HQ
- * Watch your mailbox for your items to arrive



National Chaplain

PNP Barbara Nobile

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SANDRA M. FLYNN - Dec 10, 2020 – BAREFOOT BAY UNIT. FL. Condolences to son- James Flynn, 7 Nassau Ave. West Babylon, NY, 11704

JUNE ELLEN HOWES GROVE - Dec 22, 2020 - MT. AIRY UNIT, MD. Condolences to husband, Brent Grove, 1207 Woodsboro, MD 21757.

PAT WALKER - Jan 20, 2021 - Mideast Division Vice President. Condolences to husband, Lee Walker and family, 140 Denise Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

PNP KAREN AUNE - Feb 1, 2021 - MACOMB COUNTY, MI. Karen loved life, but more importantly, she lived her life to love every person she touched. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Dept of Michigan MCLA <https://publicitymimcla.wixsite.com/michiganmcla> Condolences to her twin sister, Sharon (Jack) Sir and family, 4726 Dixie Drive, Pounce Inlet, FL 32127.

The following members need our prayers in this New Year.

Marti Kline from the Larry Nehring Unit in Des Moines, Iowa, lost her mother in law Mary Kline on December 23, 2020 to Covid. Mary was 93. Marti and George Kline are in our thoughts and prayers at this time, Condolences may be sent to them at 9804 NE 40th Ave. Mitchellville, IA. 50169.

Larry Nehring Unit member, Mary McCarthy, lost her sister Barb, to cancer. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at 1615 45th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Mrs. Jane Jeffries from the Dept of Missouri is mourning the passing of her husband, Bill. Bill passed away from Covid on January 9, 2021. He is survived by his children Jill and John and his loving wife Jane. Cards of condolence- 4341 S Cardinal Ct. Springfield, MO. 65804.

New President of Lewis and Clark Leathernecks, Luann Johnson had open heart surgery in January. We wish her well. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at 1400 Oakwood Dr. Yankton, SD. 57078.

National Assistant Chaplain, Tracey Killinger gave us some good news. Her CT scans show NO new cancer. We are so thrilled for her; it has been a long haul. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy. S., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Steve Abeyta, has had some serious health issues for many months. This past month he had his feeding tube removed. He is starting to talk again and is doing some things the Drs are thrilled with. Please keep Mitzi and Steve in your thoughts. They would appreciate your greetings at 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO, 81144.

My stepdaughter, Nancy Nobile Wiggins wishes to thank all of you for your thoughtful cards and greetings during her cancer surgery.

Diana Avant, from the Dept of NJ took a nasty fall during the Holidays. She is recovering well now and thanks all for your thoughts.

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National Chaplain

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PNP Caroline Ruhmshottel thanks all of you for your cards and thoughtfulness following the passing of her loving husband Phil and also for her latest fall while walking. She is back to full health now and taking a different walking path

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Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have lost loved ones to Covid. We pray for all of you that are dealing with any health issues at this time.

I just want to add one note—some are wondering why they do NOT get my emails. If you want to be added to my email list, you have only to ask. I think some new members think they are automatically added to my list when they become a new officer. That is not the case; I welcome anyone who wants to be added.

Blessings to all of you, it would be wonderful to see you soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile

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.

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 hear from you!

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