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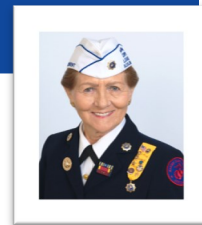
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National President Evelyn Joppa



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

May our new year be filled with opportunity and new innovative ideas to continue to build on our objectives of serving our Marines, Veterans, their families, and our communities.

We are faced with the continued challenges due the COVID-19 Virus. We need to be willing to change our plans to meet the ever-changing situations required due to this virus. Adapt and overcome!

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.

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.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner. Have you registered, signed up for the banquet, and booked your hotel reservation? Departments and Units, please submit an ad for the Mid-Winter Program book. All deadlines are February 5, 2021.

The Pre-Conference Board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday February 25 in the Greenway room, 4th floor. The agenda for Friday and Saturday is attached to this newsletter, subject to change. Meeting Room will be the Clairmont Room, and the Ship's Store will be in the Montpelier Room, both on the 4th floor.

We will need to complete our business by noon Saturday as the League has a special Joint Session scheduled on Saturday afternoon from 1:00-3:30 P.M. Marine Mike McNamara is a radio host for ALL MARINE RADIO. He will be speaking on POST Traumatic Winning. Please have your reports ready as scheduled in the agenda, so that we may join the League for this event.

If you have items that need to be added to the agenda, please email your requests to me so that they may be included in the final agenda.

Friday evening will be an opportunity for fun and fellowship. It is a surprise! Look for details in the Ship's Store.

Please keep our members and their families in prayer.

Look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter.
"Safe Travels!"

**Semper Fidelis,
Evelyn Joppa**

National President

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



The Frances R Watt,PNP/Norma Liner PNP Award is presented to the outstanding Member of the Southeast Division. The Division Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. Left is PNP Alice Blackford presenting a copy of the letter of nomination and PSEDVP Inda Adams presenting the plaque to the 2020 Recipient Teresa Elam Music City Unit. PNP Deborah Evans joined the lunch/Unit meeting.

Headquarters Project

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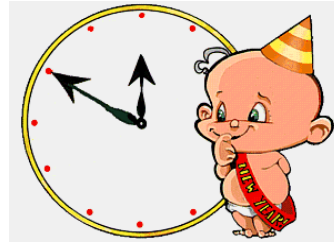
The National Headquarters Committee

Gerri Tuohy, Mary Brief and Peggy Tuohy



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is my heartfelt wish that each of you had a joyful holiday. This has been the first time in my thirty-plus years of marriage my husband and I spent the holiday without the company of family or extended family. (Thank You COVID-19.) Let's hope and pray the vaccine will beat this awful curse we are living under.



I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Presidents, present, past and future, to join me for President's Council at the Mid-Winter Conference on Friday, February 26, 2021, at noon. Bring your lunch; we will socially distance and talk about Leadership and your role as a leader in our Auxiliary.



I would also like to invite everyone to join me at 7:30 AM on Saturday, February 27, (location to be determined) for breakfast to honor our President, Evelyn Joppa. Madam President had a most challenging year, so let's all gather to thank her for keeping us afloat during these trying times.

2020 was a very challenging year for all of us, not only as members of the MCLA, but as wives, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, etc., worrying about our families, friends and each other, and wondering if each time we or a family member left the house to go to the store or for a doctor's appointment that an unwanted guest would be visiting our homes. Let us all continue to follow safe practices and hope that by the time we prepare to meet in Springfield, Illinois, in August we will no longer be wearing masks and will be able to greet each other with a big hug.

Until next time – **Stay Safe.**

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice President
NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org

FROM THE OFFICE:

To all of our members far and wide, thank you for all of your support as I transitioned into the National Secretary position. I look forward to a great year and hopefully getting to meet you all in person soon! I wish you and your families a safe and Happy New Year.

Ramona, National Secretary

Mid– Winter

JR Vice President

Old friends

January 2021

Out with the old and in with the new. We have heard it before and we will hear it again – probably many times this January. I chose today to try on some old clothes, and much to my surprise, some of them actually fit. It looks like my COVID ten is finally gone! Now I can say out with the old clothes and in with the new clothes. Not truly new, but more like old friends that I have not seen for a while.

Our Auxiliary units across the nation could also use some new friends. In the first place, COVID-19 made it close to impossible to have unit meetings and *band together in comradeship*. Secondly, some unit members were required to stay isolated and quarantined. Finally, other unit members were able to find new ways to help in their communities. Not to mention that some were able to *aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines, as well as to their spouses, parents and orphans*. There were many communities that were fortunate to have units actively assist in helping veterans and others. Although most nursing homes and veterans hospitals severely limited those who were allowed to enter the facility, there were new ways to be active volunteers, not even COVID-19 could prevent us from helping those in need.

As the New Year begins it can be beneficial for all of us to look at the old ways, the old ways of recruiting new members. If we put in a little effort we can revamp those ways to make them new again. How are you able to make your recruiting efforts new again?

I pray that we will be together soon, old friends and new friends. Out with the old ways of thinking and recruiting and in with the new!

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President
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January is a good time to start anew. But with new beginnings also comes history. This mention of history brings us to the first step in becoming a member in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and that step is filling out the membership application.

Actually, there is very little that we need from the applicant; however, we do need the information to be fully completed and then accepted by the Unit in which the application has been made. This holds true for dual membership requests as well.

The basis of Eligibility must be circled AND the name of the Marine or FMF Corpsman must be printed on the corresponding line. The mustering in/out date can be taken off of the DD214, which is one of the Eligibility checks that the Unit is responsible for ensuring. Be sure to confirm the Marine was honorably discharged in your checks. The Auxiliary Recruiter **and** the Applicant must sign the application in order for this to be a true request for membership.

If the applicant doesn't have this information available, or doesn't meet the regular eligibility requirements, remember that they can still become an associate member of your unit until supporting documentation can be provided.

After becoming a member *and* if they would like to transfer Units, the original application **must** follow the member to the new Unit. If the member is deceased, then that member application must be placed in the deceased file with a copy of the death notice attached. If the member has not renewed their membership, they should be moved to an inactive file.

REMEMBER: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE KEPT INDEFINITELY.

By reviewing your membership applications each year, it will be easy to keep up on the status of each member and make sure the Department is aware of any changes that have taken place within the past year.

The common question that is asked is why "we" (Units and Departments) have to keep these records when the National Office has a copy. There are a few reasons for this but it is important to note that in the past we have had flooding, or have had misplaced boxes in the event of moving. The process of filing and retaining triplicate copies of membership applications at the Unit, Department, and National levels ensures we do not lose the original application of Membership on *any* member.

It is an honor and a privilege to be a regular Member in the MCLA! This membership comes with full voting rights and being able to hold an elected office.

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is important to keep these documents and ensure it is filled out in its entirety.

This document is history. It is a history of the commitment you have made; it is the history of your membership with this sisterhood; it is the history of your Marine or FMF Corpsman's information; and with this history is stored the legacy of your membership and the impact you have made together with the MCLA in the lives of our veterans.

God Bless,

Mary Brief

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JANUARY 2021 NATIONAL CHAPLAIN NOTES

LINDA L BROWNING * 11-07-2020- Mountainside Unit, MD. Condolences to husband, Scott Wakeman, C/O of the Adams Funeral Home, 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD. 21502.

KATHRYN SCHMIDT* 11-27-2020 - Landis McCleaf Unit, PA. Condolences to: Kat Schmidt, 3925 Scotland Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

JOY SWEIGART * 12-02-2020- Central Missouri Unit, MO Condolences to her daughter: Jamie Weight, 567 Summit Trails, Santa Quinn, Utah, 84655.

JANE MONTGOMERY * 12-06-2020 - Dept of Washington- condolences to: Tracy Watrouse-Kelly, 11402 Wide Hollow Rd . Yakima, WA. 98908.

WE were called upon to send out prayers for the following members.

Lynda Hartwick from the Lake of the Ozarks Unit in Missouri was hospitalized with pneumonia and the COVID virus. Prayers for her continued good health.

Our good MCLA supporter friend, Barry Georgopoplus had an aortic valve replaced. Cards of cheer may be mailed to 595 S Alton Way, Unit 4D, Denver, CO, 80247.

National Chaplain NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org

**ALMIGHTY AND
MERCIFUL GOD,
WE REMEMBER
THIS MOMENT
OUR DEPARTED
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS. WE
RECALL WITH
REVERENCE THE
GOOD DEEDS
THEY
ACCOMPLISHED,
WE HONOR
THEM WITH
OUR LOVE AND
FRIENDSHIP.**

PNP Caroline Ruhmshottel fell and broke some ribs while on a walk. This can be very uncomfortable. Please keep Caroline in your prayers as well as sending cheerful greetings to: 9503 NE 11th Way, Vancouver, WA. 98664.

My step daughter Nancy Nobile Wiggins had to have part of her lung removed due to cancer. A correct address for cards for her is: 125 Wanda Drive, Summerville, SC. 29485

SW Missouri Unit member, Sue Hornback lost her father due to cancer. Cards of condolence: 1516 E Washita St. Springfield, MO 65804.

Dept of Colorado Member, Mitzi Abeyta had neck surgery and a bone spur repaired. Cards of encouragement for Mitzi, 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO. 81144.

Karen Bressler is doing better on her new meds and has a new address to share with us. 8133 E 29th Place, Apt. 306, Denver, Co. 80238.

Mason O'Yarbrough Unit member from Missouri, Melissa Kinder mourned the passing of her father. Cards of condolence: PO Box 68, Delta, MO 63744.

Pauline Roberts from the Dept of PA is in need of our prayers. Cards of cheer for Pauline may be mailed to 1274 Ash Street, Danville, PA. 17821.

Central Missouri Unit member, Rita Schulte, lost her loving husband Dave. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at: Rita Schulte, 10709 Bryant Road, Centertown, MO. 65023.

As always we know that some of our members suffer in silence and we are not aware of their pain and suffering. Take a moment and offer a prayer for all our members and especially our National officers. Praying that we are all able to meet again at Midwinter.

Have a Blessed New Year.

PNP Barbara Nobile

National MCLA Chaplain
NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org



MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 25 – 27, 2021 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757) 622-6664 \$129.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 5, 2021

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit/Pound/Pack: _____	Det/Unit/Pound/Pack: _____
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Title 2: _____	Title 2: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution**

Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____

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Please Cc the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka at bborka@MCLLeague.org



MCLA MID-WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA

February 25 – February 27, 2021 Norfolk, VA

Friday, February 26, 2021

Joint Opening: 9 a.m.

Joint Memorial Service: 10 a.m.

Chapel of Four Chaplains : 11 a.m.

Department President Council Workshop: 12 – 1 p.m.

(Bring your Lunch) Clairmont Room

Lunch on your own: 12 – 1 p.m.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

OPENING CEREMONY 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

Fill Vacant Chairs

Roll Call of Officers

Members waiting for admittance

Reading of 2019 Post Convention Minutes

Reading of minutes from Pre-Board Conference meeting from February 28, 2020

Report of Elected Officers

President – Evelyn Joppa

Sr. Vice – Linda Chamberlain

Jr. Vice – Dotty Sanning

JA – Mary Brief

Jr. Past Pres. – Carol Smith

Division Vice Presidents

Ship's Store Report: \$ _____

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees

Americanism – Julie Jirovsky

Child Welfare – Pat Engel

Civics – Judy Blackmer

Rehabilitation – Viola Trevino

VAVS – Terri Gothard

Chief of Staff – PNP Gerri Tuohy

National Comptroller – Peggy Tuohy



VAVS Representative – Terri Gothard
Budget & Allowance – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Bylaws & Administrative Procedures – PNP Ruth Moyse
Uniform Committee – Susie Lee
Girl Scouts – Leona Rowley
Operation Little Angel – PNP Barbara Nobile
Insurance – Linda Chamberlain
Memorial Fund – PNP Carol Smith
Ships Store – Debby Krueger/Judy Blackmer \$ _____
Forms – Marti Kline

Announcements

Fun & Fellowship – Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Ship's Store Hours
Presidents Breakfast Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
Other?

Recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2021



Saturday, February 29, 2020

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Hand Salute

Roll call of officers

Minutes from Friday's meeting

Communications

Chaplain's Report – PNP Barbara Nobile

National Jr. Vice President – 100% Membership/990s – Dotty Sanning

OLA" Mary's Place"- PNP Barbara Nobile 10:00 a.m.

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued):

MODD Fleas – Madam Big Flea Joyce Brickett

Convention Liaison – PNP Karen Aune

Legislative Committee – Darlene McCubbin

Ritual Committee – PNP Gerri Tuohy

Chapel of Four Chaplains – Sydney Minchin

National Headquarters Project – Peggy Tuohy

National Webmaster – Leanna Dietrich

Legislative – Darlene McCubbin

50 Year Pin – PNP Cindy Marshall

Uniform – Susie Lee

Banner – Carrie McIntosh

History Book –

Memory Book – Joyce Brickett

Other?

Operation Little Angel Presentation

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ships Store Report: \$ _____

Announcements:

Good of the Order



Recess for lunch (On your own 12 – 1:00 p.m.)
Joint Session

Social Adjustment – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Reception & Banquet – 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony

NOTES:

The following have been invited to bring greetings to the Auxiliary at their convenience, and our meeting will pause accordingly.

MCL Commandant Dennis Tobin

58th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett

MCL Foundation President

MCL COO Bob Borka

Director of the Young Marines Bill Davis

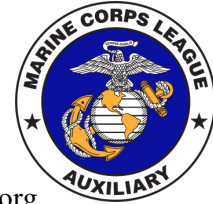
Morgan Stanley Representative Tom McIlwee

***Have a safe trip home. See you at the 98th National Convention in Springfield, IL.
August 9-13, 2020!***

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Evelyn Joppa
Sr. Vice President Linda Chamberlain
Jr. Vice President Dotty Sanning
Judge Advocate Mary Brief
Jr. PNP Carol Smith

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