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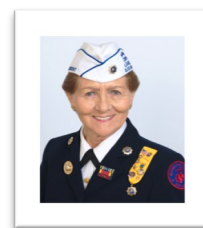
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Good Afternoon Ladies!

Our Mid-Winter Staff Conference was well attended. It was great to see so many smiling faces. Thanks to all who joined us. PNP Karen Wheeler did an outstanding job with the Zoom program. If you checked in early or stayed late, we had time to visit.

The reports given were well prepared and informative. All reports and important documents will be mailed to the Board of Trustees, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents, and Unit Presidents. Please share with all members.

Members present on Zoom had the opportunity to meet our new National Secretary Ramona Smith. She was received with many great comments on the job she is doing. We are blessed to have her.

The Emergency Plans for elections and Installations due to the pandemic have been updated. These will only be used if a Division, Department or Unit cannot elect or install officers due to restrictions. These will be sent to the Departments and Units by the Division Vice. Please support your Department and Division Conferences. The Auxiliary needs your input and your vote.

PNP Barbara Nobile has a most impressive video that will appear on the Auxiliary web site. Please check it out.

We are all looking forward to the National Convention in Springfield, IL August 9- 13. I will be seeking the nomination for a second term of office as your National President.

National Committees Chairs for Americanism, Child Welfare, Civic, Rehabilitation, and VAVS will be posted with addresses for reports in next month's newsletter.

Bylaw and Administrative procedures changes are due May 11, 2021.

National President continued

Jenna N. Abrams (pictured right) received her Girl Scout Gold Award on September 20, 2020. Jenna, your accomplishments with your Project “Pen Pal for Seniors Club” is extraordinary. Thank you for what you are doing now and in the future!

Jenna is a member of Troop 96989 (Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey). She has 13 years in scouting. Jenna’s words: “I established this Club because putting a smile on everyone’s face is very important to me, and no matter how old you are, you deserve to have happiness. This is what inspires me.”

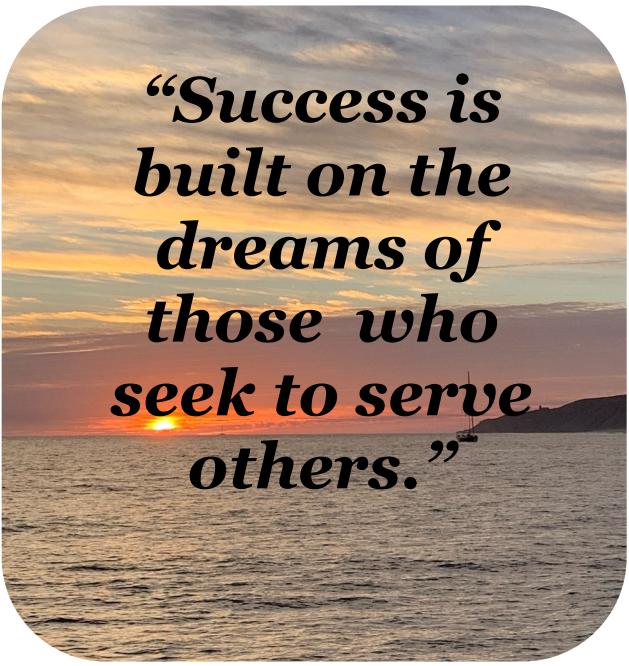
Jenna received the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Girl Scout Good Citizen Award February 8, 2021 sent by the National President Evelyn Joppa.



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

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn Joppa



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Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas



Calling all Fleas: Notice!

2-24-2021

The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog, CDD Tom Hazlett, has invited all Fleas to the Second “Gathering of the Dogs” which will take place April 8 – 11, 2021 in Greenville, S.C.

If you plan to attend and need hotel reservations, call 864-232-4747 and use the code MODD. You can also use the hotel website... www.Greenvillesc.hilton.com. Price of a room is \$99.00 plus tax per night and includes breakfast. Banquet price is \$35.00. For additional information and to register go to the Devil Dog website... Militaryorderofthedevildo9gs.org.

As the current Madam Big Flea, I have contacted my executive Flea Committee and the consensus for the gathering is to not hold an official “Flea Scratch”. The Fleas attending (with or without Devil dog companions) will be most welcome and we encourage all Fleas to attend. We will get together for comradery and fun but with no scratching or biting.

Both for the “Gathering” and the banquet, dress should be casual. However, if you own a Flea shirt and/or vest, you might wear them but most important...wear your Flea collar.

If you are planning to attend, please e mail me at...joymaeb@aol.com so I can let the Dogs know how many Fleas to expect. Love to all...

Semper Mordendi,

Joyce Brickett

Current Madam Big Flea



SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org

Our first virtual Mid-Winter Conference is now history and in my personal opinion it was a huge success. It not only allowed us to conduct the business we normally do at a Mid-Winter Conference, but it also gave us an opportunity to see and visit with our Auxiliary sisters who we have not seen for a year. This virtual experience also gave me the opportunity to (by the help of the USPS) present Madam President with her long overdue President's gift which, as we all know, should have been presented to her on the last day of the 2020 National Convention and didn't occur due to COVID-19.

I would like to thank the 30 past, present and future presidents who attended Presidents' Council on Friday, February 26th. For those of you who were unable to attend, this year's council was on *leadership* styles and characteristics, *personality* and how it relates to your leadership style, and *mentorship*. By the time you are reading this article, those of you who attended the council should have received an email from me with the slide presentation attached. If you were in attendance and I somehow missed sending you the presentation, please email me and I will be happy to email it to you.

I know I must sound like a broken record, but ladies - I cannot stress enough to those units and departments that have not filed their 990 for 2019 - you need to get it filed and soon! For those units that have an EIN number and have never filed a 990 IF YOU RECEIVED YOUR EIN IN 2016 AND DO NOT FILE A 990 FOR 2019 YOUR EIN WILL BE REVOKED! If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email.

I would again like to commend Madam President for the excellent job she did in conducting the meeting and keeping us on point. It was almost like sitting in the meeting room in Norfolk. Also, a big thank you goes out to PNP Karen Wheeler (aka Zoomie) for putting the Zoom Conference together and making sure everyone was connected. We couldn't have done it without you.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in August at our National Convention in Springfield, IL, where I will be seeking the nomination for a second term as your National Senior Vice President.

To quote Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, "Happy Trails To You Until We Meet Again."

Take Care and Stay Safe. Until next time .

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain



JR Vice President

Dotty Sanning

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I don't know about you, but I am REALLY enjoying a larger 14 point type – so much easier for me to read. Although I can fit a lot of information into a small space with 8 or 10 point!

Fortunately, when our Treasurers are using the fillable form available on the National MCLA website for Transmittals the printing is large and legible. Speaking on behalf of those that have to read the forms I appreciate it when the fillable forms are used. Not only are the Transmittals on our website but you can also find the Report of Election and Installed Officers, which you will need to complete soon. In fact, there are many forms provided for your use on our website.

As you know, the Midwinter Staff Conference was held virtually this year. Under those circumstances, it did give more members the opportunity to see and hear what usually occurs during the conference.

For those that were unable to attend via computer or telephone please allow me to extend ***congratulations to Units and Departments that achieved 100% or more*** membership status by the deadline of December 31, 2020. This has been a most trying year but you have excelled!

Northeast Division

New Jersey -Semper Fidelis

New York – Herkimer County, North Shore Queens

Department of New York

Pennsylvania – Gen Smedley D Butler, Lancaster County, Upper Darby, Patrick William Milano

Southeast Division

Florida – Holiday, Marion, Spring Hill, LCpl Justin J Wilson, The Villages, MAL of Florida

Mississippi – G H Vaughn, Jerry Wentworth

Louisiana – PNP Norma A. Liner

Midwest Division

Iowa – Larry Nehring, Northeast Iowa

Minnesota – North Star

Missouri – Southwest Missouri, St Charles County

Central Division

Illinois – Burbank, Kankakee, McHenry County, Shawnee

Indiana – Lafayette, Michiana Hoosiers, Southern Belles

Kentucky – Kentuckiana

Michigan – Flint, Sgt GP Porta-Motor City, Upper Peninsula

Wisconsin - Badger

JR Vice President

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New England Division

No Units or Departments achieved 100% membership retention

Mideast Division

Maryland – Baltimore, LCpl Robert W Deane

North Carolina – Onslow County Marine Corps League 262

Virginia – Natalie Maas

Northwest Division

Idaho – Pappy Boyington

Southwest Division

No Units or Departments achieved 100% membership retention

Rocky Mountain Division

Colorado – Frank J Carroll

Utah – Cpl James L Anderson

Southern Division

Texas – Alamo

Congratulations to South Carolina, South Dakota, and North Carolina for starting new units, way to go!

As of December 31, 2020, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary had 2,110 members, 120 less members than last year. While we know there are many more members, unfortunately, there are several Units/Departments that neglected to get their information turned in on time. Sadly, none of our Divisions achieved 100% reporting. Ladies, please contact your Department/Unit Presidents regarding their membership reporting.

Let's work harder to help each other bridge those gaps.

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President



National Judge Advocate

Mary Brief

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Mid-winter is behind us and before you know it, March 20th (first day of Spring) will be here and the flowers will soon be poking their tender shoots up through the ground. (At least in Michigan we hope that is the case).

The older I get it seems the faster time goes. So, this finds us trying to constantly look ahead at our schedules. This is the time of year we look forward to the upcoming National Convention in Springfield, IL.

The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures (AP) may be revised, amended or repealed each year at the National Convention in August. Any member wishing to submit a proposed Bylaw or AP change is to submit it in typewritten triplicate form, in proper format, and with exact wording to the National Headquarters office.

Follow the link for full instructions.



Procedures for Bylaws Changes Link

In order for any proposed By-law change to be presented at National Convention, they must be received by the National Secretary before Tuesday, May 11, 2021. The Bylaw Committee and Judge Advocate will review and present the proposed amendments to the body at the National Convention for acceptance or rejection. Administrative Procedure proposed changes may be presented to the committee anytime up to and including to the start of the convention

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

Central Division Conference will be held March 18-21, 2021
at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.

We are looking forward to meeting with old friends and making new ones. Our Conference will be dedicated in memory of PNP's Virginia Johnson and Karen Aune who were both members of our Division.

Our Operation Little Angel donations will also be given in their memory. For more information, contact Central Division VP Renee McGuan at rsm1455@yahoo.com.

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile

BARBARA G. LLOYD – Feb 7, 2021, MOUNTAINSIDE UNIT, MD. Condolences may be extended to her husband, Bob Lloyd, 461 Miller Road, Ridgeley, WVA, 26753

CAROL GREENSTREET – Feb 7, 2021, DEPT OF FLORIDA Chaplain. Condolences may be sent to her partner, Frank Livingston, 1732 NW 5th Street, Ocala, FL

NANCY WELCH – Feb 12, 2021, MARION COUNTY UNIT, FL. Condolences may be sent to her family: The Welch Family, W. 620 Bauer Road, Fountain City, WI 54629

Susan Hornback, Chaplain for SW Missouri Unit had hip replacement surgery and is doing well. Cards of Cheer may be sent to her at 1516 E Washita Street, Springfield, MO 65804.

Marilyn Kitchen-New from Dept of Missouri requested prayers and cards for her daughter-in-law who is entering her third round of chemotherapy. Her Name and address follow; Yolanda Davis, 1020 North Harrowford Drive, Statham, GA 30666.

Mitzy Abeyta, Nat'l Rocky Mountain DVP had some good news. She was able to bring her husband Steve home from hospital after having brain surgery on Dec 21, 2020. He has had no seizures since the surgery. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them at 445 Dennis Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Jane Paradise, Unit President for Lewis G Watkins Unit, is requesting prayers for her sister. She is undergoing some serious surgery to stop some bleeding. Cards of encouragement for Jane may be sent to 695 Paradise Lane, Seneca, SC 29678-6122.

Nina Pilon, Morris Dixon Unit Chaplain's daughter Maureen Zurek is recovering from surgery and she had just lost her Father-in-Law Jack. Cards for Maureen can be sent to 679 Wedgewood Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

I am hoping I did not miss anyone; I am doing this report due to Barbara currently being in the Hospital in excruciating pain. I am glad I can help her out.

Blessings to all of you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Killinger, Assistant National Chaplain
For PNP Barbara Nobile, National Chaplain



Prayer Requests

50 Year Pins... are you eligible yet?

Ladies,

It is the beginning of the new year and new beginnings for many of us. I hope Covid-19 is soon behind us and we can all get back to our “normal” way of living. It is a good time to count our blessings and move forward.

One of the ways to move forward is to recognize the dedicated ladies of the auxiliary. We have ladies that have been members of our auxiliary for fifty years or more. The MCLA Past National Presidents' Council founded and administers the 50 Year Pin Award.

Any member who has served fifty (50) years in the auxiliary, and is in good standing, is eligible for the pin. The application form is on the National MCLA website in the “forms” section. The completed application should be mailed to the current chairman. The cost of the pin remains at \$10.00, which covers the shipping costs. I encourage everyone to look through their membership for ladies deserving to receive the pin.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Cindy Marshall, PNP
Chairman
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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



FROM THE OFFICE:

It's almost spring and I've been told most units have their elections and installations coming up! Please make sure a copy of the Election Report comes to Headquarters., I want to make sure our database reflects your unit correctly.

Call me for any store orders or questions.

Ramona, National Secretary



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!

MCLAHQ@NationalMCLA.org

MCLA Scholarships

Have you, or a family member, ever received a scholarship grant from the Marine Corps League National Scholarship Program? If not, this information is for you. If you have received a scholarship then you will certainly enjoy this letter from a recipient. Joy Sweigart was an Auxiliary member in good standing when she sponsored her granddaughter on the Scholarship application. Although Joy is no longer with us, the opportunity and encouragement she provided will be appreciated for many years to come. Here is a letter from her granddaughter.

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my gratitude to the Marine Corps League for awarding me with a scholarship for the last couple of years.

My family has a strong history in serving in the military. In all branches of the service. Both my great uncle and great grandpa were Marines. My great grandpa, Ben Daugherty Sr. joined the Marine Corps in 1946. He is a veteran of 3 wars, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple heart. I am so proud of his service and the sacrifices that he has made for all of us. I am also so grateful for the other brave men and women who have served and continue to choose to serve, to protect our freedoms.

For the last several years, my grandma, Joy Sweigart has sponsored me so that I could apply for the Marine Corps League Scholarship. She is the Captain of the Guard in her Auxiliary. This scholarship, along with the jobs I have been able to work at, have allowed me to remain free of school loan debt while I attend college to gain my degree.

Thank you to the Marine Corps League Foundation for making these scholarships possible and providing opportunities that myself and others might not otherwise have. Thank you to the former and current Marines who have so bravely served our country defending our freedom and way of life here in the USA. And, thank you to those who have donated to the Marine Corps League Foundation, making it possible for me to continue my education.

*Semper Fi,
Ashly Weight (Junior, Brigham Young University)*

What is the Marine Corps League Scholarship Program? It is a scholarship grant awarded to qualified applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree, and will be enrolled as a full time student (12 semester hour minimum) in the upcoming academic year, Fall Semester, and is attending an accredited undergraduate institution. The MCL Scholarships will only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) years and must be reapplied for each year (These scholarships do not have to be in consecutive years).

Who is eligible to receive this scholarship grant?

1. Paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
2. Spouses, Children, Step Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
3. Children of U. S. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains (serving with a Marine Unit) who were Killed In Action.
4. The above students must currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Who is NOT eligible to receive this scholarship grant?

1. Students who already have their first undergraduate degree, or are pursuing their second bachelor's degree, or are attending graduate school of any kind, or are attending Federal Service Academies.
2. Students who do not currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Although COVID has created many challenges for those wanting to further their education and numerous changes have come about for all of us, many students continue their schooling. You may have an eligible student in your family – yourself, spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild or great grandchild who is pursuing an undergraduate degree.

It is almost time to apply for the 2021 Scholarship. Make sure you go to the National Marine Corps League website, Programs, Scholarship Program, for more information. Reminders: if you are responsible for putting any information on the application it is important that EVERY line have an entry; the GPA is unweighted; use official transcripts; MCL sponsors must properly record original Member Number and Paid Life Member Number (the Member Number is different from your PLM number); non-PLM's must include the Dues Expiration Date. At the bottom of the application MCL officers only sign for MCL sponsors, MCLA officers only sign for MCLA sponsors.

If you have any questions about the application process contact one of the Scholarship Committee members listed on the MCL website. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation or bequest to the MCL Foundation for this program please contact the MCL Foundation. The grant amount is dependent upon contributions.

Dotty Sanning
MCLA Liaison
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