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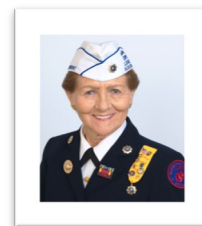
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings!

It continues to be exciting to see all the different ways Units, Departments, and Divisions handle the ever-changing issues related to the Covid virus! These local, state, and regional organizations are taking advantages of thinking outside the box. I could give many examples; however, I challenge the Units to address the very opportunities that are making them a success by sending in news and pictures about your individual Units to Karen Grady at

MCLA-newsletter@nationalmcla.org.

I recently attended the Dept of Florida Spring Conference in Wesley Chapel. The event was well attended and well run. This was Florida's first event since October of 2019. To see members from across the State had a rejuvenating effect. I am sure this is true of others that are holding their respective events. I had the honor to present Dept Sr VP Sandra Tot-Fry with the 2020 Dept of Florida Member of the Year Award. Sandy is the President of the Morris Dixon Unit.

In the next couple of months, most of you will be attending your Division Conferences or Department Conventions. As you do, please be sure to encourage the members there to consider attending the National Convention in Springfield, IL. It is the only opportunity to have your voice heard and be an

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active part of the decision-making process. Your involvement is what makes your Auxiliary great. The convention website is:

<https://mclnationalconvention2021.org/>. Check back often as it will be regularly updated.

This is prime time to recruit new members as ladies are looking for opportunities to get out in the community to make a difference and to fellowship.

Thank you for all you do to support the League and strengthen the Auxiliary. Please keep our members who are sick and/or distressed in your prayers.

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

Evelyn Joppa

National President



**Volunteer Reports are due
Committee Chairs by
July 1st.**

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Linda Chamberlain

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Every now and then I hear something on the radio that makes my ears perk up. This was the case when I heard that 1776 played a significant role in the establishment of the 21-gun salute. A search of the Internet told me that, although 1776 adds up to 21, it had no significant role in the establishment of the 21-gun salute.

As I continued to search the 21-gun salute, I learned that saluting by cannon or artillery is a military tradition originating 14th century. It is commonly recognized by many nations and is the highest honor rendered.

The custom of the 21-gun salute stems from naval tradition, when a warship would signify its lack of hostile intent by firing its cannons out to sea until all ammunition was spent. The British navy developed the custom of a seven-gun salute because naval vessels typically had seven guns (and possibly also due to the number seven's Biblical and mystical significance). Because greater quantities of gunpowder could be stored on dry land, forts could fire three rounds for every one fired at sea — hence the number 21. With the improvement of naval gunpowder, honors rendered at sea increased to 21, as well. The 21-gun salute eventually became the international standard.



The custom has changed over time in the United States. In 1810, the War Department defined the "national salute" as equal to the number of states in the Union (at the time, 17). This salute was fired by all U.S. military installations on Independence Day and whenever the president visited a military installation. In 1842, the 21-gun salute was designated as the "presidential salute," and in 1875 the United States followed Britain in adopting the 21-gun salute as its international salute. Gun salutes for other U.S. and foreign military and civilian leaders vary in number based on protocol and the honoree's rank. These salutes are always in odd numbers.

Now, all of this was quite interesting to me and something that I did not know before, but the fact that I found most interesting is that the 21-gun salute is often confused with the symbolic act of firing three volleys at military funerals, but these are two completely different rituals. The "21-gun salute" is, as the name states, a salute (i.e., an expression of welcome, goodwill, or respect), and in that context the word "gun" refers to naval guns or artillery pieces (typically cannon), not firearms. The firing of three (rifle) volleys at military funerals is technically not a salute but rather a funereal custom, perhaps derived from a superstition of discharging firearms to frighten evil spirits away from the grave, or possibly a recreation of the act of firing three volleys to signal the end of a temporary truce (called to allow each side to clear their dead and wounded from the battlefield). Even when a military funeral detail includes seven members (each of whom fires his/her rifle a total of three times), this ritualistic act is something distinctly different and separate from the custom of saluting dignitaries by firing 21 guns in their honor.

I hope you have found this as interesting as I did and remember this when you attend the Memorial Day Ceremonies in your area. Have a Happy and Safe Memorial Day.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Stepmothers, Grandmothers, Step-grandmothers and those of you who have been like a Mom to someone.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain
National Senior Vice President



These beautiful cards were created by the Midwest division ladies during the conference in Wichita Kansas. It is not the first time the ladies have gathered to create these fantastic cards that are shared with all of you are members. After they are created they are given to the National Chaplain and anyone else who would like them to cheer our members on to better health. We owe all of this To Midwest Division Vice Darlene Maccuben, who graciously shares her talents, time and money. It was great camaraderie to sit and make these cards for our members and our thanks to Darlene for providing the materials.

FROM THE OFFICE:

It looks like summer is right around the corner -- sunshine and blue skies are finally here! There are many special days in May to celebrate... Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the Kentucky Derby to name a few! I hope everyone is able to enjoy this time with family and friends.

I love hearing from you when you call to check in or place your Ship Store orders, so please keep them coming.

In your service,

Ramona Smith, National Secretary



JR Vice President

Dotty Sanning

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Ahhhh May,

The month where we get to see if April showers really did bring May flowers. Plus, in my part of the country we are getting ready to plant our gardens. In the first place we are supposed to wait until all danger of frost is gone. And secondly, we are also supposed to wait until Mother's Day to plant said gardens. However, you are allowed to start amending your soil now and taking stock of what you want to plant, where, and examine how well you did last year. In our auxiliary units we do something similar this time of year – examine and think about how well we did last year, even with the restrictions. Yes, ladies, I am talking about unit reports! To those that like spreadsheets and data, surely this is one of your favorite seasons. To those that aren't as weird as I am, hopefully you have someone in your unit that loves to compile information.

Our National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures has a fascinating section, toward the back, called Enclosures. In this section you will find the Report Guidelines, Enclosure #11. Referring to this section is very important when you are gathering your data for the reports. With this in mind, some units and members may do this monthly, some quarterly, but all of it has to be totaled up for submission to your Department by 1 July. If you do not have a Department you will send your reports directly to the Committee Chairperson. The names and email information for the chairpersons can be found on the MCLA website and in the newsletter.

As auxiliary members, we keep track of the times volunteered; the hours spent volunteering, and any actual money or donated goods for a sponsored activity. Additionally, we can also record non-auxiliary members' volunteer time, as long as they are not already recording it for another organization. Enclosures #14-#18 indicate several pages to record our diverse volunteer activities, times and hours that we selflessly give to our Auxiliary, Marine Corps League, veterans and communities. Furthermore, some units have even created worksheets that are tailored toward their specific activities and locations. My unit, for example, has a spot for Habitat for Humanity on the Civics Worksheet. In like manner, we also have VA Bingo on our VAVS Worksheet. These are just two additional volunteer activities that some of us participate in. What about your unit? Do you have something that is distinctive to you or your area?

Keep in mind that just about any volunteer activity has a space just waiting for it. A number of years ago I attended a conference and went to a great workshop titled "Where Does It Go?" I have saved it and still find it fun and pertinent today. Who knows? Maybe that workshop will come out of hiding. Sometimes you don't need to start from scratch – you just need to examine and think about what you have done in the past.

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

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Department conventions are in full swing this time of year, and I feel it is a great time to discuss convention etiquette. While what I am addressing is not protocol, it is something that should not be dismissed.

It is proper to invite your Division Vice Presidents to your Department conventions. The Division VP has valuable information to offer your Department and can help with any issues Units or Departments may be experiencing. This is your chance to have an exclusive one on one opportunity to glean knowledge and gain insight. Some of the items that may be addressed by your Division VP could be membership numbers, EIN, incorporations, and even how to start new Units within your Department.

For proper etiquette to be observed, the invitation to your guest for the Department Convention should be in writing. This letter should contain the invite, along with what you are willing to compensate for her attendance. For example, your Department may be able to offer 2 nights lodging and cover the cost of the strip ticket (registration, hospitality, and banquet), or you may only be able to cover the cost of the strip tickets. If your Department is unable to offer any amenities, that should also be stated.

When including your Department convention information, please ensure to include the information of any advertising opportunities that is available to them.

While it is proper to invite your Division VP, you may take the opportunity to invite any other National Officer as well. However, make sure to include all the same descriptive information in their invitation. National Officers need to know what offer is being extended to help cover their travel expenses since many of them will incur a personal cost, should they decide to attend. There is not a travel expense budget line item for any National Officer, whether it is your Division VP, or National Board of Trustees, including our National President.

Our National Officers hold a true love and passion for the MCLA, its members, and the good works that come from our organization. It is that passion and love that dedicates them to the offices they hold. It is our pleasure to be able to serve you, and if able, join in fellowship with you at your Department Convention.

Semper Fi and God's Blessings,

Mary Brief



National Flea of the Year Nominations 2021

In 2000 The Military Order of the Devil Dog Flea created this award.

The Guidelines for nominations are as follows:

Must be a FLEA in good standing.

Must have done volunteer work in the Community.

Must have promoted Flea Membership.

Must have promoted fun and frivolity with the Devil Dogs.

Must have promoted harmony and good will within the Hide.

Must be a ready and willing volunteer.

Must not be self-seeking.

Must have a team spirit.

This is a National Award; the nominee must attend the Flea Scratch at the National Convention.

The work done must be related to the Military order of the Devil Dog Flea Organization.



Nominations for this award must be sent to the current Flea of the Year recipients. The judges will consist of the Past National Flea of the Year. Each judge will receive copies of nominations prior to the National Scratch. The Award will be a unanimous decision.

The Nominations must be sent must be received by the current National Flea of the Year no later than June 15, 2021.

Please send all Nominations to:

Rogene Hackbarth

3345 Lazy Acres Lane

The Villages, FL. 32163-2485

**Military Order of the
Devil Dog Fleas**

National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
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LUELLA POMEROY * 3.25/2021 Landis-McCleaf Unit, PA. Condolences to: Annette Hann, 10352 Rowe Run Road, Orrstown, PA.

PNP Marilyn Loeven, could use our prayers as she cheers her Marine, PNC Lew Loeven back to good health. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, he is home from the rehab and enjoying sitting in his own easy chair. Cards of cheer may be sent to_3556 Raven St. Levittown, NY. 11756-5026.

Several gals in Florida needed our prayers for surgeries they were having this past month.

SE Division VP, Carol Mazzara has bypass surgery. Her address is- 128 NE 37th Terrace, Ocala, Florida, 34470-1334.

Kathleen Rittino, Spring Hill unit President, had should surgery, 7228 Blackbird Ave, Weeki Wachee, FL. 34613-8323.

Millie Bernier, Spring Hill Unit Sr. Vice, had knee surgery. 9198 Admiral St. Brooksville, FL. 34613-4959.

Shere Mason, Spring Hill unit member, broke her arm, 16248 Creal Dr. Spring Hill, FL. 34619.

Julie Jirovsky was preparing for the move to her new home in SC, when she learned of the tragic death of her son. Cards of condolence may be sent to Mike and Julie at- 520 Rosebud Lane, Ninety-Six, South Carolina, 29666. Julie had been the Midwest Assistant Division VP.

Susan Douglas, NW , Assistant Division VP lost her mother at the age of 83. Cards of condolence for Susan- 16805 E Broadway Ave. Spokane, WA. 99037.

Susan Seyller, Dept of Missouri, fell and broke her arm this past month. Cards of cheer for her – 446 Meier Lake Drive, Jackson, MO. 63755-6953.

Respectfully Submitted,

PNP Barbara Nobile



Prayer Requests

National Central Div Vice President 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!"



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Mideast Div Vice President Doris Bujanowski

As most of you probably know, our dear Patricia Pat Walker, Mideast Division Vice President, passed away January 20, 2021. She is in the arms of our Lord and Savior and would not want to return to us even if she could. It was a real shock to all who knew her and loved her. I was among that group. With only getting to know Pat for a few short years, we discovered we had so much in common, our love for the Lord and our love for veterans. With that said, I will never be able to fill Pat's shoes, however, I plan to put time and effort into being the best Mideast Division Vice President that God allows. This is where all of you come in to play. I will need help from many of you who are seasoned and already know what you are doing. I am not afraid to ask questions, as I have contacted a few of you already. Hopefully, with the wonderful advice and help from PNP Cynthia Marshall of Virginia, who has graciously accepted the position of Assistant Mideast Division VP, we will have a successful year ahead. Cindy, you have a wealth of knowledge and I appreciate you being so patient with me as you share. I look forward to working closely with you.

Just finished a good bit of research and the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. I did not realize the answers to most of my questions are right there on the National MCLA Website (www.nationalmcla.org). I have been printing pages off and creating a reference notebook for myself for easy access.

I am looking forward to sharing a "workshop" with the auxiliary members who attend the 2021 Mideast Division Conference in April, which will be over by the time the newsletter comes out. This year's conference is hosted by the Department of Delaware at the beautiful Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach. Delaware has done an excellent job with planning for a positive and successful conference experience. Deep appreciation goes out to the Dept. of Delaware and its leadership.

The Department of Maryland will be having their annual convention in Ocean City, Maryland, May 6, 7, and 8th. They have moved the convention hotel location to the Fenwick Inn. I extend best wishes for a very successful and enjoyable convention.

Lastly, there is exciting news in North Carolina. They have three units and have applied for their Department Charter. The officers will be installed in the near future. Barbara Dugan and Pat Walker were instrumental in this coming about, as well as many others. Good job ladies! I am so proud of you and please keep the excitement going. I look forward to visiting with you soon.

God Bless,

Doris Bujanowski
Mideast Division Vice President





Ships Store Memorial Day Sale



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BANNER FORM



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

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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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