

# Marine Corps League Auxiliary



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## National President Linda Chamberlain

Ladies

Spring arrived on Tuesday, March 19th at 11:06 PM EDT, according to the Vernal Equinox. However, here in my neck of the woods I'm not sure the weather gods have gotten the word yet. It has been cold, rainy, and windy. My poor spring flowers do not know whether to grab their scuba gear or find a way to go back into hibernation. Before we know it, the temps will be 60 and above, but you won't hear me complain, because I'm not a cold weather girl.

Spring always reminds me of new beginnings. The same can be said for the Auxiliary. No better time to check out flea markets and see if your Unit can set up a table and declutter your home of unwanted items, with the profits going to help our veterans or OLA. And, who knows? Maybe you'll recruit a new member or two in the process. It is also a good time to connect with the Commandant of your Detachment and see how you can help them with upcoming events. There is no better recruitment tool than being seen standing side-by-side with a League member at an event where both can spread the word about the good work the MCL and MCLA do, not only for our veterans, but within our own communities. Remember – we are a team and should work together as such.

Ladies, just a reminder to reach out to your counterparts on the League side when it comes to planning a Department Convention or Division Conference. These events are for both the League and Auxiliary. If you do not add your two cents, they might feel we are not interested.

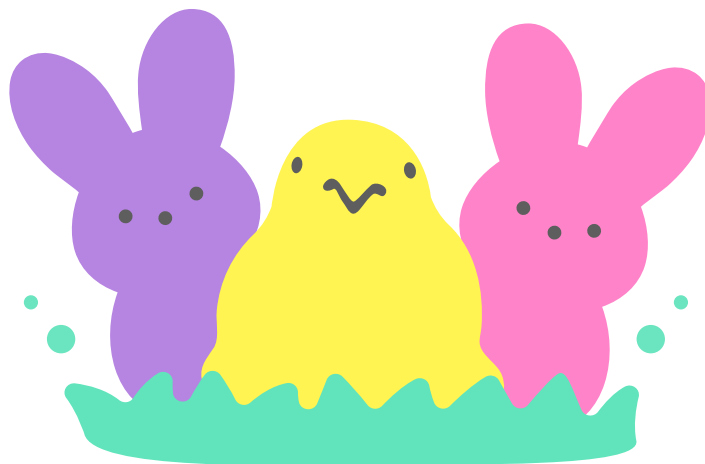
## National President (Con't)

Last month I spoke about sharing information when your term of office is completed. Well, ladies, currently I am dealing with a situation where that has not happened, and the new chair is having a difficult time trying to answer questions without a guidebook. These books or folders are position property, not the property of an individual. This holds true for any position, from President to Captain of the Guard to a Committee Chair. You may think I am putting too much emphasis on passing along this information, but this chairperson would not be scrambling for answers if she had that information readily available. Another thing to keep in mind here is the oath each of us took when we were installed, which was to “care for all property given into my care and relinquish same upon demand from proper authority.” I realize that committee chairs are not installed at the National Convention; however, at some point during your years as an Auxiliary member you have taken the oath of office and, in my humble opinion, once you take this oath the words hold true as long as you are a member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and didn't eat too many Peeps. Until next time, stay safe.

Semper Fidelis

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*We may not have it all together, but together we have it all, and together we can make anything happen.*



## NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Below is important information regarding the upcoming National Convention.

- The web site to purchase tickets for events is up and running. Log onto the National MCL web site ([www.mclnational.com](http://www.mclnational.com)) in Library click on the Convention tab scroll down to VISIT LOCAL HOST CONVENTION SITE click and you are there from here you can purchase tickets for the airport shuttle, events, Flea & MODD Dinner and the Banquet. Currently you need to purchase tickets one at a time, they are working on the site to make multiple purchases available at the same time.
- Arrangements are being made for scooter rentals. Information will be posted on the Convention website when this becomes available.
- FINALLY – if you recall, the hotel only has two floors and does not have an elevator. With that being said, if you require a mobility device, walker or have a problem navigating stairs you need to let the hotel know. If you have not made your reservation yet, request a room on the first floor when you make your reservation. If you have already made your reservation, contact the hotel, and let them know you cannot navigate stairs and request a room on the first floor. DO THIS NOW – requesting a room on the first floor at check in may be too late. The hotel will do everything they can to accommodate your request.

These are all the updates for now stay tuned for additional updates as they become available.

*Linda Chamberlain*



## From Ramona's Desk:

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and are enjoying the spring buds and blossoms!



Our Ship Store has plenty of new inventory that was a huge hit during the Mid Winter conference. If you need a little something extra for members in your unit or just want to have something on hand for special occasions, like our salted caramel filled MCLA branded chocolates, send me your orders. Now is the perfect time to order - get them while they are hot, but ship them while it's cool!

*Ramona Smith*

**With National Convention approaching it is time to look at any Bylaw or amendment changes you might want to propose. These proposals must be submitted to the National Office no later than May 14, 2024.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in Oklahoma City in August.**

*Darlene MacCubbin*  
*National Judge Advocate*





Hello Ladies and Hello Spring!

While browsing the internet I came upon this timely information and thought I would share it with you.

### Six Ways to Welcome the Spring Season

1. Get outside for some fresh air
2. Bring the blooms indoors
3. Air out your space
4. Get creative with your energy
5. Give your home a refresh
6. Revisit your 2021 intentions

Remember to take care of yourself so you can take care of others in your community.

I want to personally thank every auxiliary member who joined us for the President's Breakfast at the MidWinter Staff Conference. In the first place it was a joy to see the ladies come in, without covers on, to honor Madame President Linda Chamberlain at breakfast. In the second place some of you now know when her birthday is.

As you are aware, the last part of our business session at MidWinter was when everyone went to the microphone to declare their intentions for the coming year. As your current Senior Vice President, I stated my intention to run for National President. To that end, should I get elected, I will certainly need big hands, little hands, all hands on deck to continue the good works that we have been blessed with.

If you currently chair a committee, are part of a committee, wish to try a different committee or have not served on a committee and would like to, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I have recently started working on the roster and welcome all interested ladies to give me a few choices of a committee they would like to be a part of.





With this in mind, here is a list of Committees - descriptions of the committees can be found in the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as well as the Enclosures. Is there something you would like to try? Please give me a call or email me. Our organization needs knowledgeable and dedicated officers to guide us. Finally, if you would like to chair or serve on a committee that requires your participation at the National Convention in 2025, it will be held in Grapevine, Texas.

National Guard	National Comptroller
National Captain of the Guard	National Auditor
National Chaplain	National Chaplain Assistant
National Convention Liaison	National Publicity/Memory Book
National Civics Committee	National Youth and Child Welfare Committee
National Historian	National Americanism Committee
National Liaison	National Veterans Admin Volunteer Svcs Rep
National Color Bearer	National Veterans Admin Volunteer Svcs Deputy
National Banner Bearer	National Rehabilitation Committee

#### Other Standing Committees

Credentials Committee	Budget Committee
Americanism Committee	Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Committee
Resolutions Committee	Uniform Committee
Rules Committee	Liaison Officer
Allowance Study Committee	MCLA Headquarters Project Committee
Ship Store Committee	Girl Scout Committee
MCLA Memorial Fund Committee	Operation Little Angel Committee
Convention Liaison	MCLA Investment Committee
Legislative Liaison	

If you always wanted to chair a committee or be a member of one, this is your chance!

Respectfully,

*Dotty Sanning*

National Senior Vice President



## National Convention HQ Project Raffle Palm Springs, CA 2024

The 2024 Headquarters Project Committee are happy to announce the 2024 National Convention HQ Project Raffle!

**Tickets - \$10 donation, PRIZE \$500.00**

Tickets were distributed to the Division Vice Presidents at Midwinter and are ready for you to buy. Tickets will also be available during the National Convention.

The winner will be announced on **Friday, August 16, 2024**. You do not need to be present to win.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their participation and support, and we look forward to seeing you all at the National Convention in Palm Springs, CA.

2024 Headquarters Project Committee

Pauline Forsell, Pat Smith, PNP Evelyn Joppa, Vickie Brown and Karen Mastriana

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*NATIONAL CHAIR GIRLSGOUTS COMMITTEE*

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Girl Scout Committee,



“Gold Award Girl Scouts are rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes. How do they do it? By using everything they’ve learned as a Girl Scout to help fix a problem in their community or make a lasting change in their world.” ([www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org))

We are fast approaching the time of year when Girl Scouts will be finishing their 2023-2024 projects and preparing for their award presentations. We encourage all of you to reach out to the Girl Scout Association in your area to coordinate the date of the Gold Award presentations. Then you can prepare to have your certificates ordered in time to present them to the recipients or local leadership.



## Volunteer Reports are due to Committee Chairs by 30 June 2024



Send to the following:

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

Child Welfare: Teena Foster, 3888 Ricklyn Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-8673

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Angie Pitts, 285 Turkey Town Road, Gadsden, AL 35901-7379

Rehabilitation: Viola Trevino, 3337 Casa De Amigos, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-3309

VAVS: Evelyn Joppa, 3602 S. Vercler Dr., Spokane Valley, WA 99206-8393 (Temp Address)



## HEADQUARTERS PROJECT UPDATE COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER



Our MCLA Cookbooks are still available to order from Headquarters. Please use the form included in the newsletter to submit your order along with payment to Ramona so she can send them to you promptly.

The Headquarters Project Team thanks you for your support of the Cookbook Project.

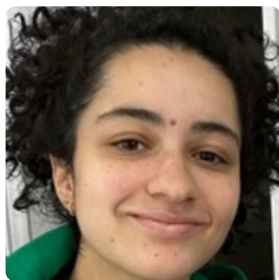
Warmly,

*National Headquarters Project Committee*





# National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile



## MICHELLE PADILLA

13 March 2024 - Flint Unit, MI  
Condolences to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Padilla  
1807 Mulford Ave., Bronx, NY 10461

## JOYCE COX

14 March 2024 - Larry Nehring Unit, IA  
Condolences to her daughter, Lynda Grant  
3799 Village Run Dr. #1104, Des Moines, IA 50317

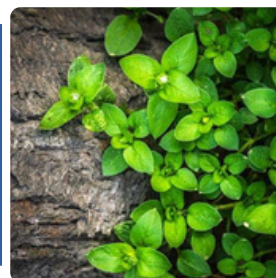


## WANDA HILTON SWEET

7 November 2023 - Holy City Unit, SC  
Condolences to Lisa Usher  
1801 Havenwood Dr., Lancaster, SC 29720

## ROSE FOWLER

15 February 2024 - Medina County Unit, OH  
Condolences to Roger Fowler  
6259 Lake Rd, Medina, OH 44256

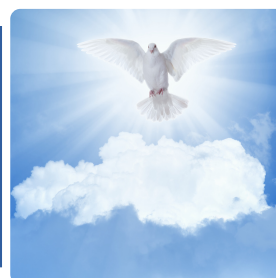


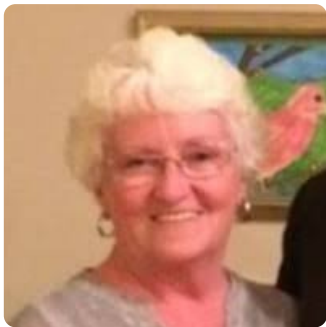
## CAROL BEVANDO

21 February 2024 - Lake Havasu Unit, AZ  
Condolences to Eldon Baker  
2915 Poseidon Ln, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

## RUTH ANN BROWN

17 April 2022 - South Bend Indiana





## KATHERN RISLEY

25 March 2023 – Dept of Indiana  
Condolences to William Risley (He is having a difficult time with  
the one year anniversary approaching)  
8467 Marshall St., Merrillville, IN 46410

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**“THE SUN WAS WARM BUT THE WIND WAS CHILL/YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH AN APRIL DAY/WHEN THE SUN IS OUT AND THE WIND IS STILL/YOUR’E ONE MONTH ON IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY - APRIL IS NOT A CAUSE TO COMPLAIN: IT’S BUSY PREPARING THE TERRAIN FOR SPRING TO SUSTAIN.”**

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**Mideast Division Vice, Patricia Smith, was in the hospital for a leg infection. She is now home healing. Thinking of you cards may be sent to her at - 28240 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659.**

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**Her sister, National Sr. VP., Dotty Sanning, who had taken a fall some time ago while traveling, got her boot removed. I am thinking bubble wrap would be a great idea for these girls. Dottie Sanning, 2003 Wooded Lane Rd., Jefferson City, MO 65101.**

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**Kathy Brown, wife of Steve Brown, Loyal Missouri Marine, is recovering from a serious illness in a local facility. She is walking with a walker and getting stronger every day. She will be home soon I am sure. Your cards of encouragement would really help. Kathy Brown, 11237 CR 385, Holts Summit, MO 65043.**

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**Chaplain for the Dept of Indiana, Theresa Clark was in the hospital for a bit. She is doing a super job keeping me informed of the area gals. Send her a greeting to make her day.**

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**Wishing Danny Smith, son of our National Secretary, Ramona Smith a smooth recovery from his shoulder surgery. Send cards to HQ to cheer him on.**

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**There are always those who wish to not let all members know they are in need of prayers. Please keep all in your thoughts as they take on burdens alone.**

**Wishing all of you a wonderful spring,**

*PNP Barbara Nobile*



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Jr. Vice President Mary Brief  
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Jr. PNP Evelyn Joppa

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