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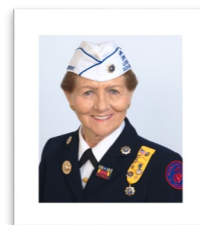
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies

In a few days we will be greeting each other at the National Convention in Springfield, IL. Hallelujah! The convention is really happening. It will be wonderful to see everyone and get back to the normal practice of business.

We do have a lot of important business to deal with, so please review the Bylaw & Administrative proposed changes and be ready to vote for the good of the auxiliary.

For those giving reports please have your reports ready. We are all looking forward to hearing about our wonderful Auxiliary and all that has been accomplished.

There have been several issues addressed by our Board of Trustees since Mid-Winter 2019. They have done an outstanding job throughout this pandemic and deserve your thanks and approval. This National President is thankful for each and everyone of these National Officers, nothing could happen without their devoted support and expertise. It has been a total team effort. Ladies Thank you! I would appreciate your support for this upcoming election.

Just a few helpful items for those attending.

Abe Lincoln Country is full of historical interesting places. I hope you have an opportunity to visit a few of the historical sites.

Agenda for the general MCLA Meetings will be found at the Registration Desk.

MCLA Registration/ Rendezvous Room Foyer 1300 - 1700

MCLA Ships Store /Rendezvous Foyer 1300 -1700

National President continued

Brief summary of special meetings for Sunday:

MCLA Budget Committee meeting Sunday at 900 in Conference C-2.

MCLA Bylaws Committee Sunday at 1000 29th floor Room 4

MCLA Board of Trustees meeting Sunday 1300 Conference C-2

Detailed Convention Schedule will be found in the Convention Book.

There are two new units in the works. Hope to see them on board soon.

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



Butte, MT

July 4, 2021

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FROM THE OFFICE:

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer spending some much-needed time with family and friends, soaking up the sun, relaxing by the water or just enjoying some in-person activities again!

National Convention is only a few days away and the trailer is packed and ready to go! Stop by the Ship Store and get yourself some swag! A reminder, any online Ship Store orders won't be fulfilled until after Convention is complete.

Wishing everyone a wonderful time at Convention.

Ramona Smith, National Secretary

Call To 2021 National Convention



TO: All members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, INC
From: Evelyn B. Joppa, National President
SUBJECT: Call to 2021 National Convention

In accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and by the authority vested in me as National President, I Evelyn B. Joppa, do hereby issue the call to National Convention. This event will take place August 8 to August 13 in Springfield, Illinois.

Purpose: To revise/amend Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; to present resolutions; to transact business as may properly come before the Assembly; to receive reports of the National Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs, both Administrative and Standing; and to elect National Officers.

Representation: Please reproduce the Credential/Delegate form as needed, fill out the form completely, and deliver to the National Headquarters (PO Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038) no later than July 1, 2021. Every member is entitled to vote and does not need to have a credential form on file at National but must present a current membership card to receive convention credentials.

Registration: All members, delegates, alternates, officers, and guests must register to receive an admission badge/convention credentials. Badges must be visible for the National Guard when entering the meeting room for sessions.

Meetings: All Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and general sessions.

Committees: All members of Administrative and Standing Committees are expected to attend the meetings called by their respective Chairmen prior to the Convention. If you are unable to serve on the committee to which you have accepted an appointment, please notify the National President as soon as possible.

Caucuses: All Unit, Department, and Division caucuses, if needed, should be held prior to the final session. This will avoid taking time away from the scheduled business meeting.

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn B. Joppa
National President

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Count your Blessings

Foundation fundraising is sometimes slow, and to keep it going takes lots of dough.
Let's have some fun, to provide some funds.

When it is computed and you realized your blessings, submit your donation to MCLA Headquarters.

I live in a comfortable house or apartment	50 cents	_____
I have ____ Tv's	50 cents	_____
I have ____ automobiles	50 cents	_____
I have a dishwasher or a husband that does dishes	50 cents	_____
I have a washer & dryer	50 cents	_____
I have ____ cat/dog/bird	50 cents	_____
I am a Veteran	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Mother and/or Father	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Spouse	\$1.00	_____
I have ____ siblings	50 cents	_____
I have ____ children	50 cents	_____
I have ____ grand/ great grandchildren	50 cents	_____
I have served in an office in the Auxiliary	\$1.00	_____
I have ruined dinner and had to order out	50 cents	_____
I have had my COVID Vaccine	\$1.00	_____
I try to make everyday a good day	\$1.00	_____
I am grateful for my Auxiliary Sisters	\$1.00	_____
I exercise at least once a week	50 cents	_____
I have donated to the less fortunate	50 cents	_____
I have had my annual physical	50 cents	_____
I have had fun counting my Blessings	50 cents	_____
I am especially thankful that I live in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA		_____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

With extreme pride in our MCLA and with grateful appreciation for your consideration in supporting our efforts to help our Auxiliary continue its' great endeavors, we thank YOU in advance for all you can do.

MCLA Headquarters Project Committee-Gerri, Mary and Peggy

SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain

Are we there yet? Well, almost. In a few short days, Madam President will be calling us to order to open our first meeting of the National Convention.

Thinking back over the past year, as I prepare my reports I realized that we, as an Auxiliary, really never missed a beat during COVID. The disruption just taught us how to do things differently.

Will the introduction of Zoom, Free Conference Call or the many other virtual means of communication become the way our meetings will be conducted in the future? I hope not, but it is a possibility. If you want to talk about this subject, than I ask all presidents, past, present and future, to join me on **Tuesday, August 11, 2021 in the Rendezvous Room at 12 noon for President's Council** where we will talk about:



Zoom

- ♦ Protocol
- ♦ Do's and Don't's
- ♦ Pros and Cons
- ♦ As well as asking for your experiences using Zoom good, bad or indifferent.

We are also at that point in time when we will be nominating, electing and installing our national officers. I hope you have found that I have served loyally, faithfully and to the best of my ability as your National Senior Vice President and would like to continue to serve in that capacity for one more year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Springfield and wish everyone a safe journey.

Until September - be safe and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice President

JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who prayed or sent a card to our family on the passing of my mother, Phyllis Wolfe. Although she was an Auxiliary member for only a short time she had been a member of other veteran and civic organizations in the past. Moreover, our family – and yours as well – have always been committed to service for God, country and community. With this in mind, I began to wonder why we do this. Why do we join the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and other organizations? In fact, sometimes when I speak to the ladies about our Auxiliary they ask me why I joined. Hmm, good question. So I took the time to search my heart and reflect on the answer. Surprise, surprise, there were so many reasons that I could not pick just one. Here are just a few that I came up:

- ◆ To help veterans and others in our community
- ◆ Get involved with others that have a similar military affiliation
- ◆ Get out of the house and make new friends
- ◆ My husband thought it would be a good idea
- ◆ Make a difference to someone in need
- ◆ Reconnect with women from past duty stations

I feel quite sure that you would also have many reasons – perhaps the same, perhaps different. A volunteer can be defined as *a person who performs work for charitable, humanitarian, or civic reasons for a public agency or non-profit organization, without the expectation, promise, or receipt of any compensation for their work*. Ultimately, the pay that we receive for doing what we do is in our hearts.

However you choose to volunteer to God, country and community I do hope it is a blessing to you, and that you are paid, handsomely, in your heart. Although I can no longer share the Auxiliary with my mom I know there are other wives, widows, mothers, stepmothers, sisters, daughters, stepdaughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, aunts, nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and women Marines that I can share our organization with.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Springfield, Illinois, in the wonderful Midwest. I am especially looking forward to reconnecting with anyone that lived at the same duty stations that I did: Camp Pendleton, Quantico and Yuma. But wait, there is more, also Chanute, Wright Patterson, Évreux, Richards-Gebaur, Luke, Kirtland – was anyone else ever stationed at these bases? If the answer is yes, please seek me out at the National Convention this August so that we can ‘reconnect’ with our shared history. I’ll be the one in the black shoes.

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

National Judge Advocate

Mary Brief

NationalJA@nationalmcla.org

Convention is at hand; I am excited to finally see my Auxiliary sisters face to face! But we have important business to attend to and that is to vote on the by-laws which have been submitted. I want to go over a few points to keep in mind as to how your Unit/Department will be affected.

First, as a Unit or Department, you can operate utilizing the National by-laws within the sections pertaining to you. This means that you do not have to have your own by-laws even though many Units and Departments do.

Second, if you choose to create your own by laws, there are two major things to remember. One, you can be stricter on issues, but not looser. For instance, when it says you must have two signatures on a bank account you can not just have one. Two, you have to be aware of what authority Units or Departments hold and what is ONLY National authority. For example, a Unit or Department cannot remove a Charter, only National has that authority.

Thirdly, if you choose to create your own by-laws, Unit by-law changes must be approved by the Department Judge Advocate, or National Judge Advocate if no Department exists. A change in Department by-laws has to be approved by the National Judge Advocate.

Finally, as we vote on the proposed by-laws at National, any changes that Auxiliary members approve as voted will only become effective upon the approval of the National Marine Corps League Judge Advocate, which will be no later than 01 January 2022. Why is that? In everything that we do, we must remember that the League is our parent company and we are the subsidiary under their umbrella. Therefore, all our by-laws have to be to a certain standard, so as not to be in conflict of what they are allowed to do.

I hope these little snippets will help you with your understanding on by-laws and how they affect you as a Unit or Department. As we recruit new members and new officers, and as they fill new positions, we need to continue to support and educate one another.

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate

Bylaw/Administrative Procedure and Enclosure changes from the National Convention will be included with the Proceedings to be mailed in September.

National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org

CHARLOTTE LAMB * 7-02-2021 Semper Fidelis Unit, NJ. Condolences to husband, Michael Lamb, 21 High Meadows Drive, Mulica Hills, NJ 08862.

DONA M CAPEHART * 7-16-2021 Keystone Headquarters Unit, PA. Condolences to husband, Paul Capehart, 1110 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle, PA. 17013

JULIA BASTEDO * 7-19-2021 Flint Unit, Michigan. Condolences to Kim Moody, PO Box 325, Alanson, Michigan 49706.

Longtime Member of the Dept of NJ, Anne Zakian, has a new address. She had moved in with her daughter. Her address is- Anne Zakian, 3347 Oxford Furnace Road, Lynhburg, VA. 24504. Cards of cheer for Anne would be most welcome I know.

Joan Marie della Badia, North Shore Queens Unit, Ny. Was admitted to the hospital with a stress fracture in her left foot. She was wearing a boot and using crutches. She went back to hospital with a blood clot in her left leg. They went in from the back of her knee and were able to take care of the clot. Please send t his dear sweet lady thought and prayers. Her address is 3 Garden Street, Bayville, New York, 11709

Janice Hartley, Marine and MCLA member from Missouri, had thumb surgery; Janice is also very active in the dogs, so hoping that digit gets fixed so she can help with the National growl. Cards of encouragement may be mailed to her at- 2102 Martin, O" Fallon, MO, 63366.

Thinking of you cards would be a blessing for Ron and Drenna Acord, Ron is home on hospice care for throat cancer. Ron and Drenna Acord, 27614 CO Road 307, Advance, MO. 63730, they are members of the Cpl. Mason O Yarbrough detachment in Missouri.

Prayers are needed for Inda Adams of the Music City unit in TN. Inda has been diagnosed with stage one breast cancer. She had surgery in July. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at, 616 Mayview Drive, Madison, TN. 37115-2712.

Constance Sexton, member of the Alexander Bonnyman Unit in TN could use our prayers as she tends to her husband George. He has been diagnosed with a rare form of dementia. Also her 90 year old mother, Betty Little, is in poor health. Constance may receive cards at. 514 Valley View Street, Seymour, TN, 37865-5620.

My best wishes to the National Staff for a successful National convention. Safe travels for all. Blessings to all who may be suffering in silence.

Respectfully Submitted,
PNP Barbara Nobile
National Chaplain

Midwest Div Vice President

Darlene MacCubbin

Time fly's when having fun! Can you believe at the time of this news letter we are all getting ready for National Convention? I am looking forward to seeing so many members that I have missed the last two years.

As COVID restriction have been eased in the Midwest I have had the pleasure of visiting with a Few Units and members in the Midwest. I am always at what have and can do!

Donna Jean Peterson and Nancy Fry in the Department of Minnesota are busy making lap robes for all Veteran's in the state. They were both recognized in their local paper for the diligent and hard work. At the Department of Iowa, the ladies made ties blankets for OLA. Although the sessors were dull the blankets are beautiful. The ladies of the Central Missouri Unit are busy taking orders and making delivers of wonderful BBQ plate alongside their Detachment as a monthly fund raiser. The members of the St. Charles Unit attended a Family Style Picnic with three area Detachment this past weekend.

I know each Unit is working hard on retainment and recruiting with their fun activities.

There is a starter kit in Minnesota with hopes of having a new Unit by the end of the year.

Semper Fi,

Darlene MacCubbin



OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

The Operation Little Angel committee is proud to announce they have chosen the SOJOURN SHELTER AND SERVICES, for the summer 2021 project.

The facility is located at 1800 Westchester Blvd. Springfield, Ill.62704.

The facility was founded in 1975 by concerned locals in the community. The primary goal was to provide a safe place to help victims of domestic violence.

Having moved a few times as they grew, they now has a capacity for 26 individuals in the facility. Covid has changed the numbers allowed a bit.

The list of needs for this facility are as follows.

- TWIN SHEETS SETS WITH PILLOW CASES.
- RUBBER MADE CONTAINERS, UMBRELLAS.
- TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, BAGGIES OF ALL SIZES, FOIL WRAP, KLEENEX, CLEANING SUPPLIES, TRASH BAGS, BROOMS, DUST PANS, HAND SOAP AND REFILLS, LAUNDRY SOAP.
- DRINKING CUPS, KITCHEN UTINSELS, FLATWARE, WASH CLOTHS, DISH TOWELS.
- BODY WASH, HAIRCARE PRODUCTS, AFRICAN AMERICAN HAIRCARE PRODUCTS, BRUSHES AND COMBS, DEODORANT, ALARM CLOCKS, HAIR DRYERS, TAMPAX AND MAXI PADS.
- BABY WIPES AND ACTIVITY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.
- CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, BOXED FOODS, SUGAR.
- GIFT CARDS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

Thank you in advance for what you will do for our ladies and their futures.

OLA Committee



Ships Store

Visit us in Springfield at the Convention!



Stop by and shop! It's okay to buy one of everything !
Debbby, Judy, and Mitzy — your SHIPS STORE CREW.

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