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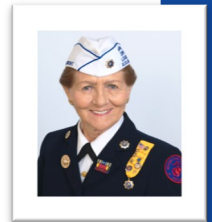
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Happy Valentine's Day! May you be blessed with love, flowers, and chocolate!

As I write this, we are experiencing a bit of unusually cool weather in Florida. Snow and cold blanket the rest of the country while we are still climbing into the sixties. Remember spring is coming, hopefully sooner than later.

The National Salute to Veteran Patients is in normal times celebrated around the week of February 14th. Our VAVS (CDCE) MCLA Representatives & Deputies help supply the need to uplift the veterans. Please support these dedicated volunteers by asking the needs of the center near your unit. Due to social distancing rules, the format has changed. Special thank you to these volunteers who do keep the VA happy with assistance all year.

We are gearing up for Mid- Winter. If you have not made reservations, you can still register until Feb 4th. Time is short to attend Mid-Winter in Norfolk, VA. Not only will you see your national officers in action, but Ramona Smith, our National Secretary, will be joining us. Come meet the gal with the cheery voice that keeps our national office fine-tuned.

The Ship's Store will be located on the 4th floor in the in the Brandon Room. Look for the flyer from the committee for new items. MCLA General Meeting room will be on the 4th

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floor in the Claremont Room, and MCLA Pre Board meeting will be held in the 4th Greenaway Room. The revised Agenda will be included in this newsletter.

It will soon be time for the annual committee reports from each unit. All forms are on the website under Volunteer Forms (<https://nationalmcla.org>). Please read the forms carefully to make sure you are taking credit for all your unit members are doing and be sure the information you are reporting is as accurate as possible. This information is reported to the Marine Corps League each National Convention. Our auxiliaries do a lot for our Marines, veterans, and communities; and the League is always impressed by all you do. Continue to report all the wonderful things your members have accomplished.

Let us be ever mindful of the needs of our members and their families. Many hardships have occurred this past year. Always keep members and family and our service men and women in prayer.

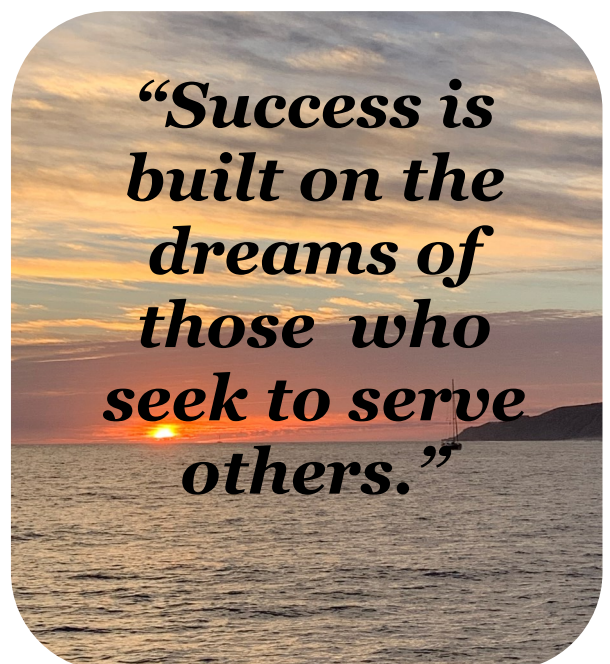
Look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter. "Safe Travels!"

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National President

**Success is built on the dreams
of those who seek to serve others! (Eve Joppa)**



SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain

Just when we all thought everything was going so well and we were seeing a light at the end of the tunnel, Omicron veered its ugly head and blocked that glimmer of light. I hope all of you are trying to stay safe as we once again mask up and put our lives on hold. I am so ready for all of this to be over, but I am afraid COVID in some shape or form will be with us for a very long time.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

So...this is why I feel my Department Presidents' Council topic at the Mid-Winter Conference, HOW COVID HAS AFFECTED YOUR UNIT/DEPARTMENT AND HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF COVID IN 2022, is so appropriate. As I said last month, I would like this to be an open forum, so please bring your ideas to the table. I would also like your thoughts on:

- ♦ How do we recruit new members during these troubled times?
- ♦ How do we retain the members we have when we can no longer do the activities we did in the past or have to do them on a limited basis?

I hope to see as many of you as possible on Friday, February 25, at noon – and remember to bring your lunch.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind any Unit or Department that has not filed its 990 for 2021 to do so as soon as possible. Depending on how you log into the IRS website, you might see a notification that the site is down beginning December 26th for upgrading. Just ignore this; the site is up and you can file your 990. I will be preparing my report from the information on the IRS Annual Filing and Forms website, as well as checking the Parent List to see if those Units/Departments we requested be added to the Parent List were indeed added. Remember, if you do not file a 990 for three (3) consecutive years, your EIN number will be revoked, and you will need to go through the process to have it reinstated. Also, another reminder, it may be time to prepare and submit your paperwork for your Unit/Department's incorporation. This varies by state, so check to see if there is anything you need to do to keep your incorporation status current.

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SR Vice President

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Finally, I would also like to remind everyone attending the Mid-Winter Conference of the breakfast on Saturday, February 26, (location to be determined) at 7:30 a.m. to honor Madam President, Evelyn Joppa.



I wish everyone traveling to Norfolk safe travels and **Stay Safe**.

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain National Senior Vice Pres

Southeast Div VP change

It is with mixed emotion that I am writing this article. On one hand, I am excited to help the auxiliary on a larger scale and on the other I know Carol Mazzara loved this position and needed to step back, for now, to take care of herself. Here in South Carolina our unit has been extremely busy and I was asked to share just a few highlights in a little collage of pictures. I'm looking forward to new ways to serve God, Country, and the Corps.



Sempre Fi, Lynn Cortright, USN Ret
Southeast Division Vice President
Holy City Unit Charleston, SC

JR Vice President

Dotty Sanning

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Greetings from the Midwest!

Here I am in 57 degree weather, wearing flip-flops and, yet, still preparing for INCHES of snow this weekend. On the one hand, I am thankful to be in the Midwest and not on the East coast where they receive an abundance of snow. On the other hand, I am equally thankful that I am not in the Southwest having to contend with sunshine and 75 degree days. Whatever would I do all day? Today I must make sure my gas tank is full, food supplies all stocked, salt for the driveway is ready and, last but not least, make sure I have a couple of snow shovels ready for action.

When I am not dealing with snow I am working on trivia questions for my local detachment's trivia nights. Therefore, I would like to offer you some Valentines trivia questions (with the answers on the next page, of course):

1. Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne?
2. Which was Shakespeare's most romantic play?
3. If you're quick to show your feelings, where do you wear your heart?
4. Which Shakespeare play features Valentine and Proteus?
5. Today we associate love with the heart, but this wasn't always the case. In medieval times, which internal organ was believed to cause love?

There may be an opportunity later this month for you to test your trivia knowledge at the Midwinter Staff Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. If you are able to attend this conference, which would be splendid, there is always something to be learned. Plus, it is a chance to reconnect with those Auxiliary members we have not seen for a while. It is refreshing to have time together to talk about what we have been doing to further our bond of comradeship. Furthermore, I am definitely looking forward to finding out what our membership strength sits at as all of our units should have turned in their transmittals to the National Headquarters. It is exciting for me to find out how many new members we have on our rolls. Sadly, it is also the time when we hear the final roll call and find out that we have lost members. From Live and Learn and Pass It On, *I've learned that a lonely place in your heart can be filled with volunteer work.* I am eager to invite someone new to be a volunteer in my unit, are you?

Don't forget to meet up with me at Midwinter to search for the best lobster roll in Norfolk!

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning

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National Junior Vice Pres.



National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

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What do Associate members mean to your Auxiliary Unit?

An Associate member can bring talents to your Auxiliary in different ways, the same as a regular member does. Just because they do not have a Marine association requirement doesn't mean they love Veterans any less. As long as they meet the membership requirements and have the desire to further the ideals principles, purposes, and efforts of the MCLA we welcome them with open arms.

Each Unit has the right to vote to accept or not accept Associate Members with the requirements and privileges which comes with that membership as long as it does not conflict with the National bylaws. If your Unit decides not to accept Associate members this should be written in you Unit By-laws.

Once the Unit has voted on the membership of the Associate member and she has met the dues, she can be accepted into the Unit. There is a myth that they do not have voting privileges. That is totally untrue! They can have the right to vote and make motions on Unit business; with the exception of Elections of Unit Officers or membership applications. After being a member for three months, they may hold an appointed office, just as any other member can.

Associate members do not have voting privileges at any Department or National meeting or convention nor on any Dept. or National issue, nor shall be counted toward the voting strength of the Unit. However, the Associate member in good standing can attend Unit, Department, and National meetings. In order to attend business sessions of the National Convention they must be registered. The Associate member may not vote on any issue but may attend and speak.

While we all struggle to hold onto our current Membership and try to increase our membership, consider the benefit the Associate members can add to your Unit in their efforts in supporting Our Marines and Veterans.

Semper Fidelis, *Mary Brief*, National Judge Advocate

"They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for." – **Tom Bodett**

Answers : 1. Dom Perignon 2. Romeo and Juliet
3. On your sleeve 4. The Two Gentlemen of Verona 5. The liver

Operation Little Angel

The recipient of our OLA gifts will again be
St. Mary's Home in Norfolk.

They have requested shoes of any size and design and socks. They are always in need of children's books, hard back books being easier for the kids to hold. When possible they take the children to movies and outings, so movie gift cards and gift cards to all major stores are appreciated. Whatever your unit feels they can do for the children will be appreciated. It should be noted that some the folks they serve are now getting older and range up to age 30.

Looking forward to our fun event night on Friday, see you gals soon.

The OLA committee thanks you for all you do for our kids!

*PNP Barbara Nobile, Tracey Killinger, Teena Foster,
Darlene MacCubbin, Dorcas Simpson.*

Mid-Winter Fun

***President invites you
to join the fun!***

(Operation Little Angel Project)

Tie Blankets for Mary's House

February 25 Friday 7-9 PM

Auxiliary Meeting Room

Come laugh, smile and work together

as we warm the hearts of those at

Mary's House by finishing a dozen

blankets for their enjoyment.

Refreshments will be served.

All materials have been donated

Special

Surprise Auction to follow

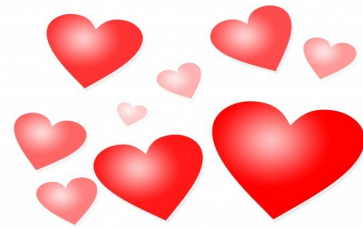
Items Donated by the OLA Committee and friends.

Tickets 20 for \$5.00

Bring your best Bidding voice.

All proceeds will benefit

Operation Little Angels



National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
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I PRAY THAT YOU'LL CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND EVERY DAY AFTER DAY AFTER THAT. PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID. John 14: 27.

SHARON EASTER * 12/2021 Dept of Missouri, Condolences to her daughter, Rebecca Goold, 726 S 8th Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Please keep our secretary Ramona Smith in your prayers as she deals with family health issues. She needs those powerful MCLA prayers in abundance at this time.

Terri Gothard, Southern Division VP needs our prayers for her Mother, a Big D member from Texas. Her 86 year old mother has learned her lung cancer has returned.

NC Dept President Barbara Dugan had surgery this past month as well as mourning the passing of her aunt. Cards of encouragement may be sent to Barbara at- 5081 Circle Drive, Conover, NC, 28613-8743.

Past National Chaplain, Joan Devlin suffered a mild stroke the beginning of December; she is now residing in a Personal Care facility having to give up her apartment. Her daughter Judy will see that she gets your greetings, sending them to Judy Wonderly, 1867 Alamingo Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951.

Some Dept of Colorado gals needed our prayers-

Judy Brink has learned her cancer has returned, Cards of cheer for her may be sent to 6715 W 80th Circle, Arvada, CO. 80003-2022.

Raygen Abeyta, granddaughter of Mitzy Abeyta lost her grandmother Annette Noga on Dec.28th Cards of sympathy were to be sent to- 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO 81144-1179.

Gert Herman, Current President of the Wisconsin Globe and Anchor unit has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. They feel they have caught in time and are starting the chemo process. Please keep her in your prayers and send greetings to her at- 202 Linda Lane, Beaver Dam, WI 53916-2718

NE Iowa MCLA lost past commandant, Glenn Cyphers. Glenn had been taking treatment for Agent Orange leukemia for a few years. He was admitted to the hospital with covid and passed away on Jan. 9.2-22. He leaves behind a wife, Jane and a daughter Callie. Cards of

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condolence may be sent to the family at- Jane Cyphers, 9106 Leverage Rd, Janesville, Iowa. 50647

Please keep all members in your thoughts and prayers. We pray for safe travels for those attending Midwinter Conference.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present: \$806.00

<https://nationalmclahq.square.site/>

Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee



FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Love is in the air....Happy February!

A friendly reminder when submitting transmittals, please ensure your bond form is included.

Midwinter is upon us, and I am super excited to finally put faces to those voices on the phone.

Come by and say *Hello!*

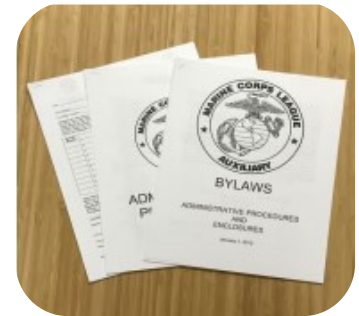
Ramona Smith, National Secretary





***GREETINGS FROM YOUR SHIPS STORE CREW
TIME TO START GETTING READY FOR SPRING
CONFERENCES, AND CONVENTIONS***

ORGANIZE, UPDATE AND REFRESH YOUR INVENTORY



**COME IN AND VISIT US AT MID-WINTER
AND CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST ITEMS!!**



**IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCURACY OF YOUR ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT AND
SUBMIT ORDER FORMS BY EMAIL. OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL
VALIDATE THE ORDERS AND CONTACT YOU TO COMPLETE THE
TRANSACTION. THANK YOU, DEBBY, JUDY, MITZY AND PATTI**



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MCLA MID-WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA

(Subject to change)

Norfolk, VA

February 25 – February 26, 2022

Friday, February 25, 2022

Joint Opening – 9 a.m.

Joint Memorial Service – 10 a.m.

Chapel of Four Chaplains - 11 a.m.

Lunch– 12 – 1 p.m. Bring your Lunch /Presidents' Council – 12-1 p.m.
Claremont Room 4th Floor

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

OPENING CEREMONY 1:15 p.m. Claremont room 4th Floor

Introductions

Fill Vacant Chairs

Roll Call of Officers

Members waiting for admittance

Reading of 2021 Post Convention Minutes

Reading of minutes from Pre-Board Conference meeting from February 24, 2022

Report of Elected Officers

President – Evelyn Joppa

Sr. Vice – Linda Chamberlain

Jr. Vice – Dotty Sanning

JA – Mary Brief

JR Past- Carol Smith

Division Vice Presidents

Ship's Store Report: \$ _____

(Subject to change)



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Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees

Americanism – Tracey Killinger
Child Welfare – Pat Engel
Civics – Judy Blackmer
Rehabilitation – Viola Trevino
VAVS – Debby Krueger
Chief of Staff – PNP Gerri Tuohy

Announcements

OLA Party – Friday, 7:30 p.m. –Room Claremont
Ship's Store Hours
Other?

Recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022

Saturday, February 26, 2022

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– Dotty Sanning

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued):

National Comptroller – Peggy Tuohy
VAVS Representative – Debby Krueger
Budget & Allowance – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Bylaws & Administrative Procedures – PNP Karen Wheeler
Uniform Committee – Susie Lee
Girl Scouts – Leona Rowley
Operation Little Angel – PNP Barbara Nobile
Insurance – Susie Lee

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Memorial Fund – PNP Carol Smith
Ships Store – Debby Krueger/Judy Blackmer \$ _____
Forms – Marti Kline
MODD Fleas – Madam Big Flea Eve Joppa
Ein/990 & Insurance – Linda Chamberlain
Convention Liaison – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Legislative Committee – Darlene McCubbin
Ritual Committee – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Chapel of Four Chaplains – Sydney Minchin

Recess for lunch (On your own: 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.)

Call to order – Silence all cell phones

Open Bible, Hand Salute

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ships Store Report: \$ _____

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued)

National Headquarters Project – Peggy Tuohy

National Webmaster – Ramona Smith

Legislative – Darlene McCubbin

50 Year Pin – PNP Cindy Marshall

Uniform – Susie Lee

Banner – Karen Francis

History Book – Marti Kline

Memory Book – Lynn Cortright

Other?

Operation Little Angel Presentation

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Announcements:

Social Adjustment – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

CLOSING CEREMONY

NOTES:

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

MCL Commandant Johnny Baker
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 99th National Convention in Daytona,
Florida
August 15- 19, 2022!***

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ELECTED OFFICERS

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Jr. Vice President Dotty Sanning
Judge Advocate Mary Brief
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