

Marine Corps League Auxiliary



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National President Linda Chamberlain



Ladies -

Pictures are worth a thousand words, but some things cannot be said in pictures: the feeling and sense of pride in being an American when you attend a Memorial Day Ceremony at a National Cemetery; the feeling when you see all of the families who came to pay tribute to their loved ones and those they never knew who paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedom; seeing the parade of flags at Arlington; hearing the 21-gun salute and Taps being played. It was my honor to attend and represent you, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, at the ceremony at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and to participate in the wreath presentation at Arlington National Cemetery.

Now for the "Thank You" portion of my article: to National Color Bearer Karen Mastriana and National Banner Bearer Tammy Rivera (both from the Lancaster County Unit, Dept. of PA) for a job well done...you made me so proud; to Karen and Tammy's husbands, Mike and Carlos, for carrying the flag and banner from the car and back for the ladies, making sure they were squared away and getting them to the staging area; to PNP Ruth Moyse, my Chief of Staff and traveling companion, for making sure I was where I was supposed to be when I was supposed to be there; to Mary Lee Kolich, Past President Dept. of Maryland, PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse, Dept. of PA President, and Suanne Miller, Dept. of New Jersey President, for inviting me to be your guest for your conventions and the honor of asking that I be your Installing Officer. All three conventions were awesome.

Moving on to preparations for our upcoming National Convention.

- Having our reports emailed out by the National Secretary worked so well at the Mid-Winter Conference, we are going to do it again for the National Convention. All those giving reports — the Board (President, SVP, JVP, JA, Jr. Past and DVP's), all Committee Chairs as well as the Chaplain, Comptroller, Convention Liaison, Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Webmaster, Facebook, Headquarters Project, Memorial Fund, and Operation Little Angel are requested to have their reports to our National Secretary by **NO LATER THAN THURS., JULY 27TH.**



National President (Con't)

- This will give Ramona time to prepare the reports to be emailed out prior to everyone leaving for the convention, and ample time for everyone to either print out the reports or save them to your electronic device. As in the past, the Membership report and Budget will be distributed at the convention. I suggest you make 10-15 copies of your report(s) and bring them with you for the “report table” for those who may be attending the convention and may not have received them electronically. The reports of the President, DVP, JVP, JA, and Jr. Past will be read; all others will be asked to give an overview of their activities or highlight one particular item.
- Proposed Bylaws & Administrative Procedure Revisions. Please bring a copy of the proposed changes with you. I have asked Ramona to include a few copies with the items being shipped from Headquarters to the convention for those who may not have received them electronically. Please read all the proposed changes and if a representative from your Unit or Department is not planning to attend the convention, please contact your Division VP with your approval, disapproval, or concerns regarding the proposed changes. The process of approving bylaws and administrative procedures need not be painful and can be done efficiently and as expeditiously as possible if everyone comes prepared.
- A preliminary agenda will be emailed the second week in July.

Before I close, I would like to say it has been my honor to represent you this year as your National President. During my travels I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with many of my auxiliary sisters I had never met before. I am truly blessed and look forward to continuing to meet more of my sisters during the coming year.

I wish everyone traveling to Oklahoma a safe and event free journey. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

Until next time.

Semper Fidelis,

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



Installation of Department of Pennsylvania Officers



Department of NJ Officer Installation



Department of Maryland Installation Newly Installed Officers



Department of New Jersey Convention Banquet



Department of Pennsylvania President, PNP Ruth Moyse, Department of Pennsylvania Treasurer, Madam President and Department of President Commandant David Brady at the Dept of PA Convention



Attendees at the Department of New Jersey Convention



Department of Maryland Installation - Turning over the Gavel



MCLA Members at the Department Convention Banquet



Susquehanna Valley Unit, Department of PA with their 50th Anniversary Cake



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

Call To 2023 National Convention

TO: All members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, INC

FROM: Linda S. Chamberlain, National President

SUBJECT: CALL TO 2023 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, Linda S. Chamberlain do hereby issue the call to National Convention. This event will take place August 14 to August 18 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Purpose: To revise/amend Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; to present resolutions; to transact business as may properly come before the National 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 send to National Headquarters (PO Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038) no later than July 1, 2023. Every member is entitled to her Individual vote and does not need to have a credential form on file at National Headquarters 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 National 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,

Linda S. Chamberlain
National President

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



Sisterhood is what the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is all about. We are a family of ladies who have many personalities, strengths, and weaknesses. How do we all get along and accomplish our goals? RESPECT. How do we show respect.

Respect is treating others with honor and dignity. We all want others to appreciate our worth as human beings. Not in a prideful or boastful way, but rather to be treated well and not disregarded, manipulated, or devalued. How you treat others is a conscious choice. You can choose to be kind and respectful. Respect is shown by listening, loving, and honoring others above ourselves. Respect is also being patient.

As an MCLA member we need to find ways to connect with different generations, cultures, communities, races, and religions. This action of finding a connection will be what makes your Unit stronger. Furthermore, this connection will enhance the desire for others to become a part of what you are and do.

How do we connect with others? Show appreciation and kindness because you care about others, not because you want something in return. Make a difference in the community and your Veterans by being visible in the community. Invite others to attend your events and meetings. Listen to what they have to say and open your minds to new ideas, consider ideas which may not have worked in the past, times and society's outlook has probably changed since it was last tried. Explain why we do things in a certain way and help them to understand our rituals. Open communication and active listening are of the most important factors in building strong ties and relationships within the Unit/Department. Build your relationships with each other and watch your Units grow in strength and appeal so more ladies will want to become a part your tight-knit family.

As we gather for the National Convention, I ask that you say a prayer for us to remember to respect, listen, show patience, and honor each other while we conduct the business at hand. Just as sisters in a biological family, we are all human and have our short falls. But in the end, we are family. A great sisterhood of women who choose to love our Country, Marines, and Veterans.

Respectfully,

Mary Brief

Can you believe how fast the summer is passing, and that National Convention is just a few weeks away? By the time you are reading this newsletter, each of you should have had time to review the proposed Bylaws and Administrative Procedures being brought to the floor at the National Convention. If you have not, please discuss them with your Unit members and learn how they wish their delegates to vote at Convention.

Please keep in mind as we vote on the proposed bylaws that any changes we approve will only become effective upon the subsequent approval of the National Marine Corps League Judge Advocate, which will be no later than January 1, 2024. This is to prevent any conflict with the League's bylaws.



Speaking of bylaws, make sure you have a copy of our current bylaws. While on a recent Zoom call, I discovered I had an outdated copy of our National Bylaws. I now have a current copy that I printed from a flash drive that can be purchased from our Ship Store for \$10 and can be updated by our National Secretary.

When dealing with members of your Unit, Department and Division, we must be supportive and show respect to one another and their opinions. It is not one person that makes up the MCLA, but it is many people with the same passion and purpose to serve our veterans and their families. We can sometimes become focused on little things and forget why the Marine Corps League was created. That purpose is to band together in comradeship, which is the company and friendship with others with a common aim.

I look forward to seeing to all my MCLA sisters in Oklahoma City.

Semper Fidelis,

Darlene MacCubbin



Greetings to All from the Southwest Division

Things are heating up here in the Southwest and I'm not just referring to the outside temperatures!

In March we held the first Division Conference in many years. I shared with those in attendance the training that Sr. Vice, Dotty Sanning presented at our Midwinter Conference in February. Shannon Lopez was nominated and elected as the Division Assistant VP. I am excited to have Shannon assist me as we expand and grow in the southwest! Shannon is also the President of the Lake Havasu City Unit. Please welcome Shannon to the sisterhood when you meet her at the National Convention in Oklahoma City next month!

I was invited to speak at each of the state conventions of the MCL Dept. of AZ and the Dept. of Ca. As a result of that opportunity, we were able to hand out 2 starter packs to interested ladies in each of these states. Many thanks to all the Commandant's for their support of the Auxiliary.

In April, Shannon and I hosted a membership drive at the Lake Havasu City, AZ annual boat show. Many names were submitted for interest in joining the Auxiliary there. May flowers or (Veggie Plants) bring many donations for the Western Star Az Unit members at their 1st fundraiser held in Prescott Valley, AZ in May. At each of these events the sponsors offered our booth spaces at no charge, thus ensuring that all the donations could be used for their designated purpose. What a great example of our communities supporting the Auxiliary and helping us get the word out there that we are here to stay to serve those that have, or are still serving us!



I want to "Thank" each and every one of you for your many years of dedication and service as members and leaders of the Auxiliary. Your commitment and dedication for our Auxiliary which is evident in all that you do is what keeps me motivated and excited to reach out and serve others.

I look forward to seeing all of you next month in OKC at the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League!

Always Faithful,

Pauline Forsell



**It's not about doing
different things;
It's about doing things
differently!**



Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas



Happy summer to you all! Inviting all MODD Fleas and wanna-be MODD Fleas to our events at the National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK August 12 - 18, 2023. Our theme is Fishing.

We are invited to participate in the Talent No Talent Show at the Early Bird Sunday August 13. We are doing Chicken Fried by Zac Brown Band. We are wearing jeans, shirt, boots and hat. Other props as well as song sheets will be provided. Pauline Forsell is helping with this.

Those wanting to be MODD Fleas; register at Flea table and have fun.

On Wednesday, August 16 we'll conduct our Supreme Growl and Scratch. Beginning at 7:30 am the Dogs will be passing through the Flea House, followed by our Scratch around 9:00 am.

Our MODD and MODDF Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 17 at noon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Semper Mordendi - "Always Biting",

**Susan Douglas
National Big Flea**

From Ramona's Desk:

I will be teleworking from July 3rd - 13th, as I will be attending to some family affairs in Germany. I will be unable to receive phone calls, however I will check email daily. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send them to me.

For awareness: The last day to process Ship Store orders will be Tuesday, July 25th, to allow us to complete our inventory and pack for the National Convention.

Come by and check out our new items during the National Convention!



Ramona Smith, National Secretary



Service at our many VA Medical Centers is vital to continue to serve Veterans. The VA Mission to fulfill President Lincoln's promise – "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan" – by serving and honoring the men and women who are American 's Veterans. We can and are a part of serving, by volunteer in the many facets of the volunteer opportunities at the Veteran Medical Care Centers & Clinics across this great nation.

My thanks to the Auxiliary Members who currently serve as MCLA Representatives and Deputies. They are the key to keeping us informed of the various opportunities of service and needs at the hospitals & clinics. These individuals are required to attend quarterly meetings and complete a joint annual review. They are recommended by their Unit or Department President and appointed by the National Representative to the Center of Development and Civic Engagement office of the VA.

The good news is that with the passing of the pandemic, the VA Centers are open to bring back the much-needed volunteers. Your Representatives and Deputies hold the key to what opportunities are available in your area. If your VA Hospital does not have a Representative or Deputy, please recruit these valued individuals and fill out Enclosure #35. Send completed form to: evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com.

The Volunteer opportunities for VAVS/CDCE are varied depending on the Medical Center or Clinic. Ambassadors Escorts Transport Veterans, Golf Cart Drivers, Clinic Services Assistance with telephone calls, Reading to Veterans, Clinic Adm Support, Kiosk Support, Creative Arts, Exercise and Dance, and Compassionate Care Corps, are just a few. There are many events that need volunteers for special events throughout the year.

To the MCLA current Representatives: the VA Committee needs your current information. In recent years the tracking for the VA, as well as our committee, have not been fully updated. Please send your updated information to: evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com.

Wednesdays are my days at the New Port Richey Clinic. As an ambassador, it has been my honor to direct the Veteran to the various locations in this new clinic and escort those in need of extra help. The vast rewards of serving these Veterans and seeing their smiles is a privilege and joy.

You can Make a difference. Volunteer at your local VA!
Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn Joppa

Susan Douglas



HEADQUARTERS PROJECT UPDATE COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER



The Committee and I hoped we would have cookbooks for sale at the National Convention in August. However, due to the lack of participation this will not be happening.

Thank you to all those who took the time to find, format, and enter a recipe by the deadline. Rest assured your efforts were not in vain.

The Board met via Zoom on Thursday evening, June 22, 2023 to discuss the fate of the project. Issues addressed were:

- **Those who entered recipes had no idea as to whether their recipes were accepted or not.**
- **Are we under any type of commitment or obligation to the publisher?**
- **What is the minimum number of recipes for submission and what is the minimum number of books we can order?**
- **What is the cost of the books to be produced?**

After much discussion among ourselves, and with Pat Smith (Headquarters Project Co-Chair) the consensus was:

- **Pat will send a confirmation of receipt to those whose recipes were submitted and accepted. Email addresses will be provided by Ramona.**
- **Currently we are under no obligation or contract with the cookbook company.**
- **As of June 22, 2023, 119 recipes have been submitted. We are 33 short of the 150 recipe minimum requirement. The minimum number of books that can be ordered is 100 at a cost of \$4.79 per book with 150 recipes. The Company advised that this would not give us the type of profit we may have been hoping for.**
- **If 300 books are ordered with 200 recipes (which was the agreed upon number at Midwinter) the cost per book would be \$3.67 per book.**

THEREFORE, to keep this project viable the Board is suggesting:

- **Everyone attending the National Convention bring a recipe with them to be entered by our SVP Dotty Sanning and Pat Smith. Please be sure the recipe is legible, and includes your name, phone number (if there is a question), and your email address so a confirmation of acceptance can be sent.**
- **There will be a one (1) month window – SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 1 for submission of recipes to Pat Smith at mclauxpaxriv@gmail.com. Pat will enter all recipes submitted – there will be NO EXTENSION.**
- **Once all recipes are typed, they will be proofread and sent to the company to produce the book.**

- **Order 300 books with 300 recipes if possible, but no less than 200 to make the project profitable.**
- **Sell the books for \$20 rather than the \$30 discussed at Midwinter.**
- **Division Vice Presidents can take orders from the Departments and Units within their Division.**
- **The October 1st deadline will have the books delivered to Pat Smith by the end of November.**
- **Anyone wishing to purchase a book prior to the Midwinter meeting will be responsible for paying the shipping charges.**

So, to put all of the above in perspective:

300 books will cost us \$3.67 each. If we sell those books for \$20.00 each our profit would be \$16.33 per book x the 300 books our profit would be \$4399.00.

The Board feels this is doable with the cooperation of all MCLA Members.

Thank you.

**Linda S, Chamberlain, National President
Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.**



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

**ON
JUNE 22,
2023...**

The Board met virtually via Zoom to discuss some proposed changes to the Headquarters Project Cookbook Fundraiser. The results of the vote can be seen to the right, recommending by majority vote to continue with the proposed changes.

**HEADQUARTERS
PROJECT**

VOTE	YES	NO
Dotty Sanning	✓	
Mary Brief	✓	
Darlene MacCubbin	✓	
PNP Evelyn Joppa	✓	
Ann LeClain	✓	
Doris Bojanowski	✓	
Jan Crow	✓	
Syd Minchin	✓	
Vickie Brown	✓	
Mitzi Abeyta	✓	
Becky Marcel for Lynn Cortright	✓	
Antonia Hurtado	Not Present	
Pauline Forsell	✓	
Linda Chamberlain	Requested Vote	

**PAST PRESIDENTS' CLUB, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

DUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, _____

**Make checks payable to the National Treasurer, Past Presidents' Club, MCLA
Send TWO copies to National Treasurer -- Receipted copy will be returned**

Department of _____ Date _____

Please list members alphabetically. Type or print.

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Additional names may be listed on the back of this form

National Dues are One Dollar (\$1) per Member

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** Enter R for Renewal

Total Members to Date _____

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City, State, Zip _____

National Chaplain PNP Barbara Nobile



PATRICIA STARCHER

30 May 2023 – Life member of the Susquehanna Valley Unit in PA. Condolences to her daughter – Linda Zimmerman, 59 Laurel St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844

CAROL PETERSON

30 May 2020 – Wisconsin Globe and Anchor unit in WI. just learned of the passing of their member, Carol L Peterson, who passed away during the pandemic.



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The husband of Amy Bastien, Dept of New Jersey, Jim Bastien passed away on June 11th, 2023. Amy is the Jr. VP for the Dept of New Jersey. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at- 104 Columbus Blvd., National Park, NJ 08063.

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Vera Spicer, Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Unit member from Missouri needed our powerful prayers for her sister, Virginia. She had been in the ICU and was having mobility issues that would not let her go home alone. Cards of cheer and encouragement would speed along her recovery. Virginia LaJoi Allen, 837 Margo Ave., St. Louis, MO 63135.

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Edison Kline Van Slyke Unit member from Michigan needs our prayers. Her brother passed away this past month in South Carolina. Her mother has been placed recently in hospice care and her significant other was taken to the ER recently with chest pains. One of these would be enough for any one person. Please pray for Rheta Dufresne and send her your prayerful greetings at 3701 Wilder Rd., Vassar, MI 48768.

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There are always those that we do not know need our fervent prayers, please add those members to your prayer list.

I will be preparing the final roll call for National convention very soon. If you are the Dept chaplain and could take a minute to double check that I have all your names, I would greatly appreciate that list. You know how important it is to me that we do not leave anyone off that roll call.

In addition, I would remind the Division Vice President's that I would be honored if you would participate in the Memorial Service on Monday morning of National convention. If you would find your division chair and sit there a few minutes before opening, it would be much appreciated. If you could find your Division counterpart, and guide them to their seats, that helps so much. Remember to place the rose to the SIDE of the Bible, not ON it. Once the rose is placed, render the final salute and return to your chairs.

I look forward to seeing you all and thank you for all you do to help me during the year.

**COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN
FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU
WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND
MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.**

MATHEW 11; 28-30.

*PNP Barbara Nobile &
Linda Szura*



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