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National President Linda Chamberlain



Ladies -

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and Passover and was able to enjoy the holiday with family or friends.

Well, here we are in May, a month known for Mother's Day, proms and graduations. Did you know that May is also National Military Appreciation Month? May was chosen because of its many individual days marked to note our military's achievements.

National Military Appreciation Month, or Military Appreciation Month, is observed from May 1-31 in the United States each year, dedicated to those currently serving in the military or who have been honorably discharged from the service.

In 1999, Congress designated May as Military Appreciation Month to ensure the nation is given the opportunity to publicly show its appreciation for our military, past and present. A presidential proclamation reminds Americans of the important role the U.S Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. The month holds several military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouses Appreciation Day, celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day. Many businesses offer special discounts during Military Appreciation Month. Be sure to have your Marine check them out.

While we're talking about military appreciation, let's not forget Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 21, a time to honor all of those currently serving in the military and, of course, Memorial Day, a time to honor our fallen heroes.



National President (Con't)

Here is something I didn't know until I did my research for this article. It is inappropriate to wish someone a "Happy Memorial Day." According to Kristina Kaufmann, CFO & co-founder of COSF (Code of Support Foundation) (as told to Newsweek), for some the meaning of Memorial Day is deeply personal and not a day of celebration; therefore, it isn't appropriate to wish someone a Happy Memorial Day.

As I prepare to represent all of you on Memorial Day at the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony, I will be praying for those who made the Supreme Sacrifice and their families; for those veterans who have reported to the Supreme Commandant because he needed them and their families; and for the safe return of those currently serving in our military.

To all of the moms, stepmoms, grandmoms and those who have been like a mom to someone, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Enjoy your Memorial Day, be safe and take a moment to remember that: "All gave some; some gave all."

Semper Fidelis

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HAPPY 
Mother's Day

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

*Material for this article is from
Military.com



Happy Spring!

Your Division Vice President and Assistant Division Vice Presidents have been busy with not only Division conference training workshops, but they have been training themselves.

My position as your National Jr Vice President covers membership, recruitment, and retainment, as well as training for the Division Vice Presidents. I have been hosting Zoom meetings for the Division Vice Presidents and Assistants, which allows training to be done throughout the year, instead of only at National Convention.

In March, all nine Divisions attended their own private 45-minute zoom call where discussion topics regarding membership, recruitment, and retention in their division were addressed. Matters such as celebrating our members, making meetings interesting and pertinent, and inclusion methods of members who are unable to attend meetings due to driving or health challenges were central.

One of the many responsibilities of Division Vice Presidents, is to help start new Units. Each Division was given a "homework" assignment at the last meeting, and I am looking forward to their reports at our next scheduled May meeting. They were asked to investigate actions need to be taken for every state in their division to incorporate, as well as the requirements needed to maintain that incorporation. The agenda for May's Zoom meeting will be: Starter packets, instructions on how to file 990, Tips for Treasurers, and Procedures for Audits and Incorporations. The importance of addressing these topics is crucial to increasing knowledge and ability to find answers confidently when asked by members in our divisions. Even though is a voluntary organization, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is an organization of protocol, decorum, and tradition, and we should be proud of the professionalism our officers exhibit - something each member should desire and strive towards.

I am so proud of each of these ladies who have taken extra time out of their already busy schedules to learn more about the necessary requirements. They do this to benefit you. Their training gives them the availability to provide Departments and Units with quick, efficient answers and a better understanding of the steps required to start new Units and share information accordingly.

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief



100 DAYS AND COUNTING UNTIL THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Convention Committee is diligently working on activities to be sure we have an enjoyable and memorable 100th Anniversary Convention.

We have some incredibly talented members in our Auxiliary, but what about those members who are not so talented? Well, here is your big chance to show everyone just how untalented you are. Many performers are already signed up, but as I understand it there is NO REPRESENTATION from the Auxiliary. Come on Ladies don't let the League show us up. Surely with all the talent in the Auxiliary we can put a duo or trio together or even engage the audience in a dance like the Macarena, Electric Slide, Cowboy Cha Cha, or heck maybe even the Chicken Dance. I have seen the line up and it is going to be one fun filled evening. I am game so what do you say, email me at natlpresmcla22@gmail.com and let me know if you are game also.

Also, do not forget to sign up for the banquet. Tables are going fast and to my knowledge no tickets will be sold at the Convention, so if you are planning to attend please visit the Convention Committee Web Site which can be accessed through the National Marine Corps League Web Site <http://www.mclnational.org> and make your reservation, if several of you wish to sit together may I suggest one person make the reservation for everyone.

From Ramona's Desk:

You know what's great about this month? For many of us, it's the transition from spring to summer, which means exciting things are on the horizon!

I wish you and your Families a safe and wonderful month, honoring and remembering the service and sacrifice of our Service Members. And Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful moms!

Ramona Smith, National Secretary





Registration Committee Chair

Hello from the Registration Committee Chairperson's . . . chair!

National Convention August 2022: This was my first convention serving as a member of the National Staff for PNP Evelyn Joppa.

The attendees' patience during the first day was amazing as Assistant Southeast Division Vice President Rebecca Marcel earned her steps that Sunday! She was the runner between the Board meeting and the Registration Desk to acquire the badges and signatures while the attendees were waiting to do the same thing at the Registration Desk.

How can each unit help that plans to send representatives?

- **Please submit your unit's Credentials form (Enclosure #1) well in advance of the July 1 deadline.**
- **This allows the National Headquarters to verify all names submitted and guarantees that each unit will have the proper voting strength during Convention. Your transmittals submitted throughout the year provides that information.**
- **Any member can attend the National Convention and have a voice and vote. However, without registering for the Convention, that person must present her current membership card to attend any meetings.**
- **Registration for the National Convention allows the member to have a credentials badge, and therefore not required to show her current membership card.**

My Committee and I look forward to this year's National Convention and meeting all who attend.

Linda Szura
Credentials Committee Chair

Operation Little Angel



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY, INC.
NATIONAL CREDENTIAL/DELEGATE FORM

Unit: _____ Unit Strength: _____ Delegates Allowed: _____
(To be verified by the Nat'l Secretary or the Registration Chair)

Unit City/State: _____ Dept: _____ Division: _____

Convention Location: _____ Date: _____

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be determined on the basis of Unit membership strength reported to and on record with National Headquarters on July 1st immediately preceding each National Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Unit shall be as follows: For the first fifteen (15) Regular members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of fifteen (15) Regular Members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of fifteen (15) members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. Only members in good standing are eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate (based on membership as of June 30). PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

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Upon election, make three (3) copies and return immediately to National Headquarters, c/o National Secretary, P O Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038 no later than July 1 immediately preceding convention with a registration fee of \$5 per Delegate, Alternate or Member to have credentials prepared in advance. Please Note: The cost for registration after July 1 and at Convention will be \$6 per Delegate, Alternate or Member. Registrations presented at Convention will be processed in the order received and may not be immediately available.

Unit President Unit Secretary

Witnessed: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Date Received: _____

Nat'l Secretary/Registration Chair

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ENCLOSURE #1



Banner Form



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

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

Unit or Department Name

Contact Person

Address

Home Telephone Number

Email Address

Please PRINT all information and return this form by July 1st, to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
National Headquarters
P.O. BOX 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

NATIONAL CONVENTION OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL

We are thrilled to announce the site for our OLA gifts this summer in Oklahoma City.

GRACE HOME is dedicated to providing Christ centered support and safe housing to women who find themselves in an unsupported pregnancy. Grace Home provides the tools necessary to make positive life changes for mom and baby. They have helped 54 women and had 55 babies. (A set of twins).

At this time, they are looking to revamp the library and make a counseling room. That is where we are coming in to help. The committee is looking at chairs with the help of the staff to make this new room inviting and comfortable.

In addition, the director says, they like to offer the gals a chance to live normal lives and get out. To that end, they would like Fandango cards for movies, gas cards, and gift certificates to Braum's Ice cream and Dairy store. The usual gift cards will also be accepted. If a more extensive wish list is given in the next month or so, we will pass this on.

Please feel free to go to the web site of Gracehomeok.org and check it out.

We will have more details on what we purchase in future newsletters.

As always, thank you for your support. We are working on having some beautiful items on the raffle table at convention and urge you to stop by.

OLA Committee,

*PNP Barb Nobile, Darlene MacCubbin, Tracey Killinger,
Teena Foster, Syd Minchin*





THE GRACE HOME STORY

In 2013, the idea of Grace Home began with a small church and the desire to make a difference in the lives of young women who found themselves alone, pregnant and without any options to continue their pregnancies. The questions soon became: “How?” and “What can we do?” The need to help women who were caught in difficult circumstances became their passion as the Lord began to shape the vision.

Initially church members considered opening up their own homes to provide support, a safe place and a new beginning but they quickly saw the Lord was doing something bigger. The church took a giant step of faith and began to raise funds to open a maternity home in the community of Blanchard.

In early 2014, the needed funds were in place and the foundation was poured for Grace Home. Over the next year Grace Home was built debt-free. During this time Grace Home had become its own independent 501(c)(3) and had hired staff that had been trained by ministry partners across the US. On May 9, 2015, Grace Home opened its doors with an open house and community celebration. We were excited about helping the women in our area.

Two weeks after opening, Grace Home was destroyed by a tornado on May 23, 2015. Fortunately no one in the home was hurt. As the staff emerged from the safe room it was discovered the roof was gone and water damage destroyed everything inside. Members of the community and ministry partners arrived to help us move into a temporary location.

After a lot of prayer and evaluation it was decided to rebuild and open Grace Home in its temporary location. The story of the tornado became part of the Grace Home story as we worked through the mess to get to a place of restoration and hope.

In April of 2016 we moved back into the rebuilt original residence. Today we have a beautiful 6 bedroom home on 5 peaceful acres that provides a lovely home for pregnant women in difficult circumstances. We get to see miracles happen at Grace Home as women step of the chaos and find support to build a new foundation in their lives. Through new skills and tools each woman has the opportunity to find hope for a new and brighter future for themselves and their babies.



The Grace Home Tree of Life that tells the story of lives that have been changed.



Wonderful news, ladies!

The Marine Corps League Foundation Scholarship application is now on the MCL website. When you go to the website click on Special Link to Scholarship and Youth Programs and it will take you to the Programs Section, then scroll down to Scholarship information.

One thing you will notice is that the committee is allowing scanned and emailed applications this year. Sometimes, we get used to doing things the same old way until someone says, ‘Hey, have you ever tried this?’ Thus, an idea formed about an easier way for the applicants to sign, scan, and email their application to the sponsor. The sponsor, in turn, can then sign, scan and email to their detachment/unit signers. When that is complete, they can sign, scan and email right to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at Scholarship@MCLeague.org on or before July 21, 2023. Yes, please remember that there is a deadline for submitting the application and official transcripts.

We realize that there can be delays in getting the official transcripts sent to the chairperson from the schools but that is not a reason to delay sending the application.

Additionally, even if your student received a scholarship last year, they may be eligible for one this year, too. Just take a look at the requirements to see where they would fit. Ten years ago, I was working full-time and going to school at night. I did not realize that I could have qualified for a scholarship with night school. However, if you are a full-time student, you can still qualify.

Members in good standing of the Marine Corps League or Auxiliary, spouses, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of paid members of the Marine Corps League or Auxiliary are eligible to apply if they meet the requirements. Further, children of US Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains serving with a Marine unit who were killed in action can also qualify for this scholarship.



Finally, the MCL Foundation Scholarship Program depends on contributions to continue in their philanthropic endeavors to fund the scholarship program. The MCL Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. They accept charitable gifts from corporations, estates, and trusts which are income tax deductible contributions. You can donate through the Marine Corps League National website or the Marine Corps League Foundation website – there are several easy ways to make your contribution to this program.

If you have any questions, please contact me or anyone else on the Scholarship Committee.

Dotty Sanning





National Memorial Fund 2023

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Welcome to Springtime, Ladies!

The weather has been quite brutal this year across many areas for the past few months, with the winter storms and lately the ferocious winds and numerous deadly tornados and flooding. I'm certainly praying for all those affected, and I'm hoping that your Units and Departments will consider making a donation to the National Memorial Fund.

All donations are welcome. Donations may be made in honor of a living person or in memory of a deceased person. Our Memorial Fund has had two requests for assistance since I assumed the role as committee chairperson following the 2022 National Convention. The Memorial Fund Committee was able to allocate funds to help both families' needs. We have received multiple donations as well as monies raised from our raffle table at the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference, however the National Memorial Fund is not sustainable without your generous donations.

The members of the National Memorial Fund Committee will have a table set up at the 100th National Convention in Oklahoma City with some great items to be raffled and a donation jar. Please stop by to visit with our committee members and purchase some tickets or add a few dollars to our donation jar. All donations are greatly needed, very much appreciated and always welcome. There will be donation forms available at our table and the form is also available on the MCLA website (www.nationalmcla.org). Checks should be made payable to MCLA National Memorial Fund. Every donation will be acknowledged with a letter of thanks from the committee.

Thank you, Ladies, for all you do!

Semper Fidelis,

Jan Crowe
Memorial Fund Committee Chair



ARMED FORCES DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

Women of the Auxiliary,

Get your recipes together and be ready to start typing on your computers because we will be accepting recipes for the "2023 National MCL Auxiliary Cookbook" next week.

The opening date to submit your recipes will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

There will only be three weeks to submit recipes!!!

At midnight, May 25, the Login and password to enter recipes will be gone!

It will be a fast three weeks for us to proof all the submitted recipes before sending them off for printing. Our rush on this is to have them printed and shipped in time for the National Convention in August.

To make this much quicker and easier for all of us, please be sure to use the following abbreviations required by the company! Anything other than the approved abbreviations will cause your recipe to be removed from the Cookbook prior to printing. We do not want that to happen so please be mindful of this.

The company typesetters use abbreviations in the ingredients and spell them out in the directions. These are the only abbreviations permitted:

c.- cup
pt. – pint
Tbsp. – tablespoon
gal. – gallon
lb. – pound
sq. – square
bu. – bushel

pkg. - package
oz. - ounce
tsp. - teaspoon
qt. - quart
pk. - peck
doz. - dozen
No. - number

The Login and password will be sent out by Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Further information will be sent in the same email. We are excited and hopeful that we will receive many recipes from all of you to make this a great keepsake Cookbook and a wonderful gift or treasure to pass on to others.

Without your participation, we have nothing to bring or brag about at our next potluck. Help us to make this a "Best Seller." Semper Fidelis

Respectfully in Service,

Patricia Smith, Co-Chairman





National Facebook Page Update

The new National Facebook Page has been “live” for a few months now. We highly encourage members to utilize this page to aid in Unit recruitment efforts. There are several “shareable” feature series that the Social Media Team has been working on implementing to help in this effort.

For instance, we are implementing a new series called “Membership Monday – Who’s Your Marine?” and hope to post information about our members and their Marine. We do need members who are willing to be interviewed.

Remember, we need YOUR help to make this page successful. In order for our new Facebook Page to have an impact we need members to interview, content, and clear, good quality photographs with tasteful backgrounds (meaning clutter-free). Be sure to share content from the National Facebook Page to your personal, Divisional, Department or Unit Facebook pages.

Please send inquiries, shareable FB post links from your Unit page, photos, and other information to: nationalmclanetworking@gmail.com.

If you are interested in being featured in one of our “Who’s Your Marine?” Facebook Posts, please contact us immediately.

– Elizabeth LaPouttre & Vickie Brown

Share Your Photos

send us your
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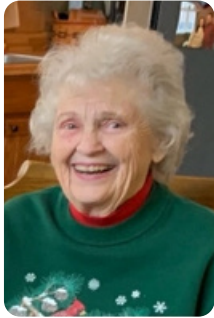
MCLA wants your photos taken at organization events for our website, Facebook page, and newsletter. All photos will be reviewed carefully prior to being authorized for use.

Please send your photos to us at:

nationalmclanetworking@gmail.com

National Chaplain

PNP Barbara Nobile



ARLENE ROLANDO

5 December 2022 – Illinois Valley Unit, IL

HPNP Lynn Laberge needed our prayers for her daughter, Teresa as she went through a very painful time. She had a perforated duodenal ulcer and this is very painful. Cards of cheer and encouragement may be sent to Lynn and she will see that her daughter gets your love and concern. 9636 SW 25th Street, Oklahoma City, OK. 73128.

Dorcas Simpson, from the Heart of Texas Unit, fell and factored her hip on Easter Sunday. She went to rehab and is recovering now. We need to keep her husband, George in our prayers also as he deals with ongoing health issues. Cards of cheer for both may be mailed to- George and Dorcas Simpson, 11474 Chapel road, Lorena, TX. 76655-3007.

Sallie Jacobs, Central Missouri Unit in Jefferson City, MO. needs our prayers as she continues to deal with pulmonary issues. She needs those powerful prayers and cards sent to – 2720 A Skyview Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

National Sr. Vice, Dotty Sanning, also from the Central Mo unit in Jefferson City had an appendectomy. By this time, I am sure she is on the golf course, but cards of cheer may be sent to her at-2003 Wooded Lane Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Mideast Division VP, Doris Bujanowski, came through her cancer surgery like a champ. Doris had a complete hysterectomy for cancer and at this time, thankfully is cancer free. She has had a time of it prior to this, so glad tidings would be welcome at-5321 Tanya Drive, Mt. Airy, MD. 21771-8724.

Linda Lorraine, Southwest Missouri unit member, is recovering from a second hip surgery. Cards of encouragement may be sent to her at- 13151 W State Highway T., Ash grove, MO. 65604-8224.

Norma Lorenz, SW Missouri Unit. Is still suffering from severe pain in her feet and hip. Her husband has been diagnosed with leukemia and has a severe facial tumor. Cards of love may go to them at- 287 W. Thistlewood Drive, Springfield, MO. 65803-7402.

Dept of PA member, Jen Coolbaugh's 24 year old stepson, Seth, passed suddenly on Easter morning. Prayers for the family are needed and cards of condolence may be sent to- William and Jen Coolbaugh, 46 Stout Street, Apt #2., Yatesville, PA. 18649-3345.

**National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile**

Erika Dengel. VP of the Upper Darby Unit lost her husband Bill this past month. Erica has grown up in the MCLA family and spends countless hours helping others. Please keep her and the children in your prayers, Cards of condolence may be sent to-The Dengel Family- 531 Smiley Street, Crum Lynne, PA, 19022.

Mile Waluk, National Commandant for the Northeast Division, fractured his leg; Cards of encouragement may be mailed to him at- Marine Mike Waluk, 201 Westfield Ave, Piscataway, New Jersey, 08854.

Prayers were requested for CJ New, husband of Dept of Missouri Unit member, Marilyn New as he was placed in Hospice. Cards of love may be sent to them at-53 Muirfield Point Court, St Charles, MO 63304.

Larry Nehring Unit member, Marti Kline, from the Dept of Iowa, took a fall while visiting in England. She broke her humorous bone and will have surgery on April 19th; Cards of cheer for Marti go to 9804 NE 40th Ave, Mitchellville, Iowa, 50169.

Wisconsin PDP Kate Santos is at a medical care facility waiting to have some hip surgery done following a bout with flu and covid. She is at Godebic Medical Care Facility, 402 North Street, Wakefield, MI. 59968. She is a member of the Winnebago Unit.

Wisconsin PDP Gert Herman had a slight stroke in her eye, but thankfully is still able to see. Her address is 202 Linda Lane, Beaver Dam, WI. 53916. She is member of the Wisconsin Globe and Anchor Unit.

Wisconsin PDP JoAnn Bartlein is undergoing bone treatment, following her cancer treatment. Her address for cards of cheer- 976 Atwood Ave, Park Falls, WI. 54552. She is a member of the Winnebago Unit.

Winnebago unit member, Christine Cooke could use your powerful thoughts and prayers for her sister who had an aneurysm. The first surgery was unsuccessful, but she made it through the second surgery and is showing responses in both her hands and legs. She will have a long recovery. Christine's address for cheerful support is- 530 South Fairview, Appleton, WI. 54914.

As always, I would ask that you keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers, as oftentimes, their issues are known only to God.

FLOURISH TODAY, STEP OUT YOUR FRONT DOOR, IDENTIFY THREE THINGS IN CREATION THAT GOD VALUES. PAUSE, BREATHE DEEP, NOW REFLECT ON HOW MUCH MORE GOD LOVES YOU. REPEAT IS NECESSARY.

A PRAYER FOR OUR MEMBERS- FATHER, WHEN I FEEL UNWORTHY, HELP ME TO NOTICE THE REMINDERS OF YOUR LOVE ALL AROUND ME. AMEN.

May I wish for all who are working on Dept conventions, that all goes well and you enjoy getting together to celebrate the work we all love.

*PNP Barbara Nobile &
Linda Szura*



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