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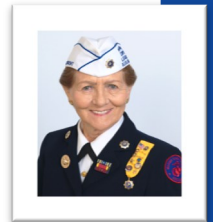
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National President Evelyn Joppa



HAPPY EASTER!

Spring brings new beginnings and new opportunities. Members, this is your opportunity to let your voice and ideas be heard at the National Convention at Daytona Beach in Florida. Bylaws and Administrative Procedures along with any form changes that you would like to propose are due to the National Headquarters **no later than May 15, 2022**. Visit our website <https://nationalmcla.org> to find the instructions and samples on how to submit the proposal. Please follow them.

May 1, 2021, thru April 30, 2022, is the period for our Units to use while filling out the Volunteer Reports. Please make sure to capture what every member does along with the good works your Units and Departments do. Before submitting them, please verify which National Committee Chairperson should receive the reports. You can find the list along with their addresses within this newsletter.

I had the honor and privilege to install the officers of the Morris Dixon and Spring Hill Units. It is always exciting to see new ladies step up into positions and take the roles as leaders. This shows the great mentoring that is happening out among our Units!

I also had the pleasure of attending the Southeast Division Conference as a guest of the PNP Norma A

National President continued



Lynn Cortright, Becky Marcel and Eve Joppa
Southeast Banquet

Liner Unit & the Southeast Division. The new Division Vice President Lynn Cortright and Asst. Becky Marcel did a wonderful job with their conference. It was exceptionally organized and fun!

Finally, let us be ever mindful of the needs of our members and their families. Many hardships and losses have occurred and continue to happen beyond our control. Please keep them all in your prayers.



***New SE Member
at Large***

***Kimberly
Beauplan is with***

***Colleen English
and Eve Joppa***

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B. Joppa
National President

***“Success is
built on the
dreams of
those who
seek to serve
others.”***

FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Happy Spring to all our Members!

Great news! The new Unit Past President's Pin will be available by mid-April. The cost for these new pins is \$25. There are still a few of the original Department Past President's Pins available for purchase.

A reminder, Bond forms must be new original forms completed and submitted each year. We can not accept copies of previously submitted forms with dates simply changed on the form.

Ramona Smith

National Secretary



Have you found that hour you lost when you pushed your clocks ahead yet? Probably not, and you won't until you turn them back again in November, maybe for the last time. It looks as if we may have Daylight Saving Time year-round beginning in 2023.

While having dinner with my grandson last evening, we were catching up on what he had been doing recently, and he shared with me that he recently attended two (2) hockey games, a concert and a wrestling match. I said wow that must have set you back a pretty penny. He said yes and no – the tickets to all the events were given to him; however, parking for each of the events was \$30, a beer was \$12, soft drinks were \$5, (he never mentioned how much a hot dog or popcorn cost) and that didn't include the price of gas to get to the events (which all were before the price of gas soared to \$5 a gallon). What used to be a fun-filled evening has now become a decision-maker for most of us, especially now with the pandemic just winding down and people just starting to go back to work.

Thank you for allowing me to share my two cents on this subject with you this month. Until next month,



Linda S. Chamberlain

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JR Vice President
Dotty Sanning
NationalJrVP@nationalmcla.org

Ahhh, the sweet smells of spring time – grass being mowed, vegetables being planted in freshly turned Earth, lilac and (achoo!) forsythia in bloom. Yep, some of us will have the sniffles or sneezes this time of year. Although this may be true, there is one important part of every spring that is not to be sneezed at. Yes, you guessed it! It is the time for installation of new officers for our auxiliary units.

Whether you are taking a leadership position for the first time or continuing to serve in a leadership capacity we all take the same oath:

***...to the best of my ability in performing the duties of my office ...
attend all meetings ... perform all duties required of me ... care for all
property given into my care ... relinquish same ... do all in my power
to promote harmony and good will.***

It is exciting to have auxiliary members stepping into new roles to help their units as leaders, knowing that they are supported by those that have gone before. In the event that you are fortunate to be taking an officer position in your unit, be confident that your fellow officers have taken the same oath. Furthermore, the past presidents of your unit are also there to support and assist you. If you are not continuing in a position, it is equally important to remember that you took an oath to turn over any property given into your care. This can include a binder, checkbook, database or notebook – anything that helped you to be the officer you were may help your successor to be the officer they could be. Ultimately, it all comes down to different ways to help an auxiliary sister reach her full potential and possibly give her the tools she may need to help the unit grow and prosper.

From *Live and Learn and Pass It On*, I've learned that doing something as a volunteer makes you feel better than if you were being paid to do it. That is definitely something to consider this time of year for new officers.

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas

Looking for the next Flea of the Year

It was a great honor to be designated the Flea of the Year at the 2021 National Convention in Springfield. The Fleas are a dedicated and fun group committed to camaraderie and service to our veterans and our communities.

The 2022 Flea of the Year could be from YOUR Hide! Who has gone above and beyond to further the noble purposes of the Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas?

Your nominee must...

- ♦ have done volunteer work in the community
- ♦ have promoted Flea membership
- ♦ have promoted fun and frivolity with the Devil Dogs
- ♦ have promoted harmony and good will within the Hide
- ♦ be a ready and willing volunteer
- ♦ not be self-seeking
- ♦ have a team spirit
- ♦ attend the National Flea Scratch in Daytona Beach



If someone in your Hide meets these criteria, send me an email at marti.kline@gmail.com with information about your nominee and why you think she deserves to be the 2022 Flea of the Year.

The past seven Fleas of the Year will choose the recipient from among your great nominees. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2022.

Thanks – and keep pinching!!

Marti Kline, Hawk Hide (Dept. of Iowa)

2021 Flea of the Year - MODD Fleas

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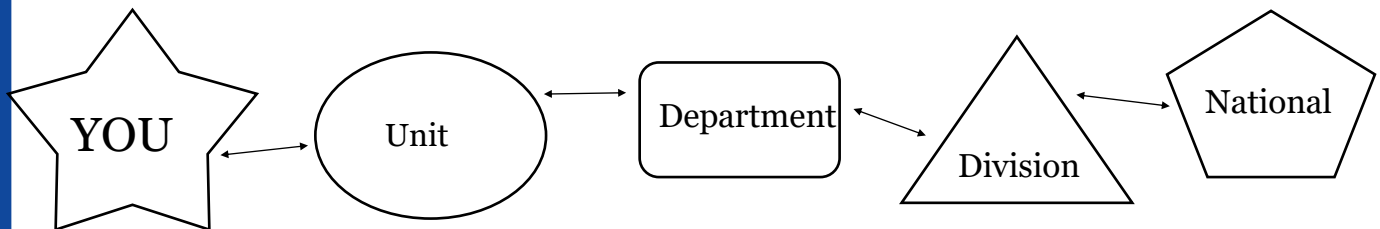
What comes to mind when you hear “Chain of Command?” Does this phrase give you a negative feeling?

In the MCLA the “Chain of Command” means “Chain of Help and Mentoring”!

We all start our membership being new to the organization and often do not understand the jargon that is tossed around, like “OLA”, “PNP, or “PDP”. It is important to explain the origin and purpose of this organization and what it means to us as members. The same holds true for each position that we have within the MCLA.

If you are asked to accept a position, whether is it nominated or appointed, rest assured, someone has held that position before you. Many times, there are booklets that the Unit has made to help new people to the position’s duties. However, that literature may not hold all the answers. It is then, that you will need to use the “chain of command” for further help to answer questions and to aid in mentoring.

At the Unit level, you can ask the President to direct you to find help. This may be sought by reading something or having a conversation with another member. If it is a question on procedure, most likely the Judge Advocate will be consulted. If she is unable to help and needs further consultation, she will then go to the Department Judge Advocate so on and so forth.



As you can see, YOU are the most important piece to this organization. If we want to have the MCLA survive we need to continue to help and mentor each other. The key to learning is not asking questions but to answer them as well. That is why it is important to use each level, as graphed above, in seeking out an answer to a question. When we do our own asking along with teaching, we are essentially learning something new each day.

Did you notice that the arrows go both ways on the diagram above? That is because National officers need to utilize the chain of command/help also. We are all learn from other people’s knowledge and as we problem solve together with others. CON”T



Don't be afraid to ask questions, don't be intimidated by the words, "Chain of Command"; however, DO ask and inquire about things, it is a learning tool not just for you but for all of us.

If you would like to ask a question that you think everyone could benefit from, please feel free to contact me and I will address it in the next newsletter.

My email address is: marybmimcla@gmail.com Let's keep learning together!

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**



**Volunteer Reports are due
to Committee Chairs by
June 30th**

Send to the following:

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

Child Welfare: Pat Engel, 3888 Rickland Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-8673

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

Girl Scouts: Mitzy Abeyta 446 Dennis Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144-1179

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

VAVS: Debby Kreuger, 11824 Gray Court, Westminster, CO 80020-5991

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PNP Barbara Nobile
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MOLLY LaVallee- Big D Unit, Texas- 2/04.2022 Condolences to her daughter, Terri Gothard, 3644 E Northbrook Circle, Van Buren, Arkansas , 73956.

STEPHANIE Carrillo- Alamo Unit, Texas- 2/18/2022 Condolences to daughter, Katherine Harley Carrillo, 819 Haggin, San Antonio, TX. 78210.

NORRA Dale Codey- Kentickiana Unit- KY.- 1/03/2022

Joe Ann Amundsen- Kentuckiana Unit-KY. 1/09/2022

Prayers are requested for Flint Unit member Nancy Henn as her husband is facing a very aggressive cancer. He is NOT a candidate for surgery. Send those powerful prayers to Nancy and her husband Duane. Cards of encouragement may be mailed to –Duane and Nancy Henn- 4999 Green Drive, Cass City, MI. 48729.

Pauline Stofiel lost her mother this past month. Cards of Condolence may be mailed to – 6204 Kansas Street, Vancouver, WA. 98961-6924.

Please keep Marilyn Kitchen New in your thoughts and prayers. She was to have Knee replacement, but due to some heart issues has had to reschedule.

Florence and Marty Mack are mourning the passing of their son from a car incident. Cards of condolence may be sent to them at- 850 Taylor Drive, Folcroft, PA 19032.

FOR FLOWERS THAT BLOOM ABOUT OUR FEET, FOR TENDER GRASS, SO FRESH, SO SWEET,

FOR SONG OF BIRD, AND HUM OF BEES, FOR ALL THINGS FAIR WE HEAR OR SEE,

FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE THANK THEE.

FOR BLUE OF STREAM AND BLUE OF SKY, FOR PLEASANT SHADES OF BRANCHES HIGH,

FOR FRAGRANT AIR AND COOLING BREEZE, FOR BEAUTY OF THE BLOOMING TREES,

FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE THANK THEE. (RALPH WALDO EMERSON)

There are many of our members who need our prayers who suffer in silence. Offer a prayer for them please.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

*Respectfully Submitted,
PNP Barbara Nobile
National Chaplain*





Application for 30 or 40 years of Dedication recognition

_____30 years

Cost: \$25

_____40 years

*Make check out to National MCLA

Send check to: PO Box 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

Recipient Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Requesting Unit: _____

Years of Membership: _____

(Starting date to Present date) *indicate any breaks in membership years

List all Units in which membership was acquired:

List any other name member used: _____

Contact Info of Person Requesting Years of Dedication Pin:

_____ Email or Phone # _____

(Name of Person and Title filing out the Request Form)

Address where to send award:

Verification of National Office:

**Please allow 30 days for request to be filled

One copy to be mailed to National - One kept in Unit Treasurer Records with original membership application

Southeast Division Conference



Southeast Division Conference was such a wonderful experience full of laughter, hugs, and new friendships made. Yes, there was great information that was presented in the Friday morning joint session and a well-attended Auxillary meeting that afternoon. On Saturday we had the first-ever ladies' tea and paint. It was an amazing group of women who shared their experiences in the league and auxiliary, their trials and triumphs.

There was so much fun going on that the Captain of the Guard was sent by the league to visit us a few times !! I know it was a great success because of all the interest in joining our wonderful, fantastic, awesome, amazing, and FUN Auxiliary.

I would like to give a special shout-out to the crazy amazing women of the PNP Norma A. Liner Unit who had it all organized and made the conference a truly memorable experience.

Lynn Cortright, USN (Ret)

Southeast Div VP

Share your Unit, Department or Division information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...



We want to hear from you! Send Information to MCLA-newsletters@nationalmcla.org

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS

**‘CHANGE THE WORLD, CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND EARN THE
MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN GIRL SCOUTS’**

Is this not for what we want to see these young ladies strive? They are our leadership for tomorrow!

We are coming up on the time of year when the Girl Scouts finish their 2021-2022 session and are preparing for their award presentations. Please take time to reach out to the Girl Scout Assoc. in your area to get the date of the Gold Awards presentation. You can then prepare to have your certificates ordered and be prepared to submit them to their local leadership.

Semper Fi and God’s Blessings— Mitzy Abetya
National Girl Scout Chairperson



Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present:\$2,054.25

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Thank you for your generosity,
The National Headquarters Committee





**DEBBY, JUDY, MITZY AND PATTI
WELCOME YOU TO THE SHIPS STORE
APRIL SHIRT SALE**



**HEATHER BLUE POLO AND TRUE ROYAL BLUE
ELECTRIC POLO ARE NOW \$25**



**BRIGHT BLUE POLO IS NOW ON
ON SALE FOR \$20**



**LONG SLEEVE TUNIC
IS NOW ON SALE FOR \$5**



**WE ALSO HAVE OUR NEWEST POLO THAT WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MID-
WINTER CONFERENCE. IT'S PERFECT FOR SPRING AND SUMMER AND OUR
CONVENTION IN DAYTONA IN AUGUST.**

NEW POLO IS \$31 - ALL SIZES



**LOOK FOR OUR SPECIAL SALES EACH MONTH LEADING UP TO OUR CONVENTION. THANK YOU FOR
ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN AUGUST.**

**IN ORDER TO INSURE ACCURACY PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT ORDER FORMS BY EMAIL. OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL
VALIDATE THE ORDER AND CONTACT YOU TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.**

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