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National President Dotty Sanning



Good Luck on Your Run!

To everyone running, supporting a runner, or watching the Boston Marathon online - good luck to all the participants! While many of us may not run marathons, some days can feel just as challenging, right? On those days when it seems impossible to get everything done, when the finish line feels miles away, or when we are unsure which way the course goes, it is important to remember that we have the support of one another. Keep faith in yourself and your sisters, who are there to help guide you through.

We have Bylaws and Administrative Procedures to help keep you on track. Plus, you have a wealth of resources, from enclosures to Committee Chairpersons, your Divisions' Vice Presidents, the Department and Unit Board of Trustees—people you can reach out to if you find yourself struggling or off course. We are all here to support each other, strengthening our bonds within the auxiliary, the Marine Corps, and the Marine Corps League.

I recently encountered a challenge when contacted about a Division Conference hosted by a detachment without an auxiliary. As you may know, sometimes when a conference is being planned by the MCL, a couple of rooms at a hotel might be offered at no charge—often given to the MCL Division Vice Commandant and the MCLA Division Vice President. However, that is not always the case. Some hosting detachments pay for the Division Vice Commandant's room, and hosting auxiliaries cover the cost for the Division Vice President. In areas without an active auxiliary, the Division Vice President can sometimes be on her own to manage things.



National President (Con't)

Unfortunately, this situation occurs frequently, even at the Department level, when there is no active auxiliary. It is up to us to advocate for ourselves. In these cases, the Division or Department should reach out to all auxiliary members in that area to ensure they know when the Division/Department Conference will take place and try to find out how many members plan to attend. This ensures a good plan for the necessary school of instruction and participation in officer elections.

If your unit is helping host a conference, make sure to be involved from the planning stages. Communicate with the League about meeting space and agendas so you do not feel left out. If you have contacted your membership, you will be able to discuss your agenda and how much room you need for your business meetings. Also, look at the registration list or sit at the registration table and help to greet everyone. This is an exciting time to invite those ladies who are not members to join you. Remember, we all want to feel invited and have a little fun, even when getting down to business.

We cannot always expect the League to remember our needs and purpose. Each conference offers a valuable opportunity to recruit more women into the auxiliary and keep growing stronger.

Let us continue to run this course together.

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**National President Dotty Sanning,
MCLA and members from the Central
Division Conference**



April showers bring May flowers. April brings in many things that we, as MCLA members, should be doing to meet deadlines in May.

During April you should tally your volunteer hours for Americanism, Child Welfare, Civics, Rehabilitation, CECD/VAVS and the Girl Scout Awards. Take time to go over the reports with your members in April if you do not already do this monthly.

Each year we ask our members to document the volunteer opportunities that they contributed to the select forms which in turn are compiled and calculated to let the League know how we assist them and Veterans, with our volunteer efforts. **Are you saying, “I have no idea what she is talking about or where to find these”?**

Go to the National Website at www.nationalmcla.org → **Library Tab**→ **Scroll to Enclosures** →**Double Click “Download”** → **Open the Enclosures** → **Print pages 19-23. (enclosures 14-18)**. These are the forms for each individual member to fill out and to turn into the Unit Chairperson. (You may also want to print the instructions enclosures 11 & 12. The instructions explain how to count your volunteerism) The volunteer report year is May1, 2024- April 30, 2025.

Each unit chairperson for each category would then calculate the reports on the **“Unit Volunteer Cover Form”** which can be found on the national website www.nationalmcla.org → **Library Tab**→ **Scroll down the page to Volunteer Reports at the bottom of the page**. It is the responsibility of the Unit Chairman to prepare and mail two (2) copies of the Unit Cover Forms of her report to the Department Chairman (where a Department exists) thirty days prior to the Department Convention. If no Department exists, the Unit Chairman should send one (1) copy of her report to the National Chairman and should be received by July 1.

In addition to the volunteer reports, any proposed by-law changes that you would like to submit National to be presented to the members at the National Convention in Texas needs to be received by the National office and the Chairperson for the By-law committee no later than May 12th. If you have something that you would like to see changed, you need to format it properly and get it into the committee. The procedure for Bylaw changes can be found on the national website www.nationalmcla.org → **Library Tab**→ **Scroll down to “Forms”**→ **Procedure for Bylaw Changes**. There are two (2) templates, one is for the **Bylaw Changes** and the other is for **Administrative Procedures**. Make sure you use the correct form for what you are wanting to submit the change for. Also, if you propose a change you will want to check to see if it affects anything else in the bylaws or forms.

As always, ***your*** National staff are available to assist and serve you. We all learn by asking questions.

Just as the April showers bring forth new growth of food and flowers, questions bring forth new knowledge and learning. Don't be afraid to sprinkle us with questions as we all learn from them.

Mary Brief

MCLA National Sr. Vice President



Spring Greetings from your National Bylaw & Administrative Procedure Committee!

There are sample forms on the Webpage to assist any member who wishes to submit a Bylaw or Administrative Procedure Amendment to be considered at the MCLA National Convention. It is not required that you use the forms. They are offered for your convenience and as a learning tool. The forms have space for all the information that is required, as well as space for information that will assist the voting members to understand what the intended amendment is, why the amendment is being submitted and what the change will entail. It is hoped that no one will become confused nor will an amendment pass that does not truly reflect the wishes of the majority of the membership.

Bylaw and Administrative Procedure Amendments require a majority vote, as per National MCLA Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800. If a roll call vote of Unit Strength is desired, a motion stating such must be made (by ten Delegates, as per National MCLA Bylaws, Article One, Section 110(c)) prior to the vote being taken on the specific amendment. If not requested by ten Delegates, then the vote will be by the regular process in compliance with the Rules of Convention.

Before drafting an amendment, please read the MCLA National Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800 and the MCLA National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Ten, Section 1015 and 1020. If this is done first, it will be easier to understand the information requested on the sample forms.

There is only to be ONE amendment on each form and the information that is added to the sample form must be TYPEWRITTEN. If a particularly long amendment is being proposed, the required information may be continued on the back of the form or on additional pages, always being sure to note that it is "Page 1 of 2" or Page 2 of 2", etc.

Please remember that Robert's Rules states, "In order to give the organization the greatest freedom to act within its objective, Bylaws should be made no more restrictive nor more detailed in specification than necessary." Be careful not to make a suggestion that is so restrictive that it may harm the future good of the organization. And, try never to propose a change to the National Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedures simply because of a personality conflict arising from the actions of one or two individuals.

It is hoped that this information will prove helpful. It is not meant to answer every question. We all become more valuable members of this Auxiliary by being challenged to learn new things. Please do not hesitate to use the chain of command if you need additional assistance. Those members you have elected to serve you are extremely important "links" in our chain.

Hoping you all learn to enjoy the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as much as we do!

PNP Ruth S. Moyse, Chair

National J.A. Lynn Cortright

PNP Evelyn Joppa



MCLA FISCAL YEAR: 01 JULY – 30 JUNE
(National Administrative Procedures Chapter 10 Section 1035)

JULY

National Credential/ Delegate Form

Enclosure 1: **Due 01 July**

Banner Form

Print from MCLA website **Due 01 July**

Department/Unit Cover Sheet for Americanism, Child Welfare, Rehabilitation, Civics, and CECD/VAVS along with Girl Scouts

Enclosure 25: **Due 01 July** to the National Chairperson of each category. This information can be found on the National Website or in the National June newsletter.

Installation and Elected Officers Report

Unit Bylaw 530- Annual Election of Officers after 1 September and **no later than 15 May**.

Installation to take place withing **thirty (30) days of election**

Enclosure 6 is Due to Department, Division VP and National **within fifteen (15) days of the installation.**

This is the perfect time to send in the **Bond form** to ensure that the newly installed President and Treasurer are bonded through National.

Department Enclosure 6 Due to Division VP and National **within 15 days, No Later Than 31 July**

Membership Renewal

Now is the time that the treasurer needs to send out renewal notices to the regular and associate members. It is a great time to reach out to all the life members to verify their contact information has not changed as many times Units lose touch with life members.



AUGUST

National Convention- If at all possible, attend, it is a great learning experience. After the convention ends, make hotel reservations for next year's National Convention as rooms book fast.

ALL DUES EXPIRE- 31 AUGUST

Transmittals due **31 AUGUST** however **NO LATER THAN** November 29th - Enclosure 19
The **Bond Form** is due with the first transmittal **31 AUGUST** - Enclosure 2

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

To help you remain in compliance:

- Check to see when your Incorporation needs to be renewed with the State. (not all states have to file each year, but some do)
- If your Unit/Department has a new treasurer, they may need to file with the federal government for an IDME identification user and password, this is a onetime process. This is a **must** in order to file the N990 for the Unit and/or Department by **15 November**. The process of getting an ID can take up to 60 days to complete.

NOVEMBER

N990 – (filing with IRS) No cost but is required as long as you are under the \$50,000 threshold-
DUE NO LATER THAN 15 November

Administrative Procedures Section 850 and 1035

**As a reminder all Transmittals, Bond forms, and dues are due
NO LATER than 29 November**

DECEMBER

Have a great holiday season. Take time to connect with your members and families, maybe have a social event for your members.



JANUARY

Hold a Unit/Department Planning meeting

This is a great time to review the required reports as well as plan amazing fun stuff for your auxiliary

Make reservations and plans to represent your Unit at any Department/ Division Conferences and Conventions, during the upcoming months. Encourage members to attend with you. These are great opportunities to build friendships and relationships within the League and Auxiliary.

If called upon at these events, be prepared to give a short report of your Unit efforts and accomplishments. After these events prepare a report to take back to your Unit to share the information which you have learned.

FEBRUARY

National Mid-Winter Conference

MARCH

Select your Chairpersons for the Volunteerism Reports. Consider getting the fillable forms for your Unit and members from Tracey Killinger. Email: traceykmcla@comcast.net. Take time to compile your reports at a monthly meeting up to that date. * Be sure someone accounts for what the Unit supports. Worksheets can be found Enclosure 11-18

APRIL

Unit cover sheet for Americanism, Child Welfare, Civics, Rehabilitation and CECD/VAVS

Enclosure 25- Due to appropriate **UNIT** Committee Chairpersons on **01 May** or National Chairperson if there is no Department (use Enclosures 11-18 as worksheets) n

Girl Scout Award- Enclosure 27 needs to be filled out and sent to the National Girl Scout Chairperson.

Proposed Nation Bylaw Changes are due (90) days prior to the start of the National Convention in August, at the National Office



MAY

New volunteer hours begin **01 May**

National Recruiting Award for the year ends **31 May**

JUNE

30 June END OF FISCAL YEAR for all Units/Department and National.
(National Administrative Procedures Chapter 10 Section 1035)

Budgets- This is the time to go over your budget for the next fiscal year and have it approved by your membership.

Read and go over any proposed bylaws to your membership that have been submitted for the National Convention.

If you hold elections in June, all **Report of Elections and Installation** forms are **due no later than 30 June** - Enclosure 6



Rocky Mountain Division Highlights

The RM Division has enjoyed a fantastic year, marked by successful events, celebrations of our special members, community outreach, and participation in local parades.

We were thrilled to celebrate Don Whipple, a WWII Iwo Jima Marine and Life Member of our Broomfield Detachment, on his 99th birthday with a surprise party!

A remarkable member, Tommie Coleman, a vibrant 94-year-old Life Member of our Frank J. Carroll Unit, was recently gifted a lap quilt by her unit. Tommie, the wife of a WWII U.S. Marine, joined the MCLA on July 13, 1997, and has served as the very active President of the Frank J. Carroll Unit. She and her husband, Wayne, were married from 1951 until his passing in 2022. 72 years!

The Rocky Mountain Diamonds participated in a drive-through baby shower hosted by the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in Aurora, Colorado. This event supported expectant female veterans and their families, who received essential items like diapers, highchairs, toys, handmade blankets, and books. We connected with nearly every mother, several of whom proudly declared, "I am a Marine!" Each Marine family received a Rocky Mountain Diamonds logo sticker and a Semper Fidelis sticker. It was surprising how many didn't have a Semper Fi sticker yet. They also hosted their annual Children's Hospital Mobile Blood Drive where three Gallons of blood was donated. Many also donate blood at the VA.

The Units in the Denver area took turns at Christmas time for the annual Gift Wrap fundraiser at Buckley Space Force Base where they wrapped presents for donations.

Our Cpl. James L. Anderson Unit in Utah provided a "Sub for Santa" for four veteran families and their 13 children. They fulfilled every item on the children's wish lists, provided grocery gift cards, warm boots and coats, and addressed other identified needs. The unit also presented the history of the MCLA and the life story of Cpl. James L. Anderson to the Cache County Chamber of Commerce, which was well received.

The Pikes Peak ladies supported the Marine Corps Birthday Ball by creating fundraising baskets and assisted with the Toys for Tots program in the Colorado Springs area.

Finally, the Windsor Marines Unit held a joint garage sale with their Detachment as a fundraiser.

Dale Wingert

Vice President, Rocky Mountain DIV





From Ramona's Desk:

Wishing all our members a Happy Easter!

Our Ship Store has plenty of new inventory that was a huge hit during the Mid-Winter conference. If you need a little something extra for members in your unit or just want to have something on hand for special occasions, like our 2025 Pocket Calendar for only \$5, send me your orders. Now is the perfect time to order - get them while they are hot but ship them while it's cool!

v/r

Ramona



Appliances donated during the Mid-Winter Conference to Saint Anne's Center for Children and Youth, Hyattsville, MD.



National President Dotty Sanning, MCLA and MCL member Teresa Terry, and National Guard Lynda Hartwick



INSPIRATION



MCLA National President Dotty Sanning was proud to attend the SE Division Conference where they feasted on traditional Louisiana Cajun seafood, conducted various well-attended workshops, enjoyed team building activities, presented the Operation Little Angel gift to the Gifting Grace Project representatives and an award to the Auxiliary Member of the Year, Helen Breen.



Happy Birthday to our Fabulous Members with April Birthdays!

1-Apr Lola Cochran
1-Apr Rose Delancey
1-Apr Melody Scroggins
1-Apr Rosalie Bice
2-Apr Lyllian Rangel
2-Apr Kim Curtis
2-Apr Elizabeth Rueppel
3-Apr Janice Chance
3-Apr Arlene Wright
4-Apr Michelle Petras
4-Apr Trista Sicilian
7-Apr Trishia Fedon
7-Apr Yulissa Akers
8-Apr Janice Aasen
8-Apr Pamela Beaver

10-Apr Patricia Johnson
11-Apr Charlotte Couris
11-Apr Teresa Flick
11-Apr Donna Rae Smith
12-Apr Joan Luff
13-Apr Melody Cook
14-Apr Barbara Carlson
14-Apr Ann Dekoschak
15-Apr Ramona Smith
16-Apr Cheryl Bihl
16-Apr Stephanie Wright
17-Apr Frances Blair
17-Apr Silvia Dolecki
17-Apr Kendal Munoz
19-Apr Loretta Hauser

19-Apr Kimberly Christner
20-Apr Lynn Merrick
21-Apr Sandra Beck
21-Apr Sirlione McElheny
22-Apr Drenna Acord
22-Apr Sandra Berling
24-Apr Debra Hartle
24-Apr Marie Nateras
26-Apr Launa Maddox
28-Apr Jennifer Coolbaugh
28-Apr Becca Dalton
29-Apr Doris Castlebury
29-Apr Connie Riley
29-Apr Doris Roberts
30-Apr Deborah Ortiz

We love recognizing our member's birthdays and would never intentionally leave out a celebration!

Please make sure your member profile in the MCLA database has your birthday listed by ensuring membership transmittal forms accurately include the birthdate of each member or by sending an email to MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org with the information.

MCLA Ship Store

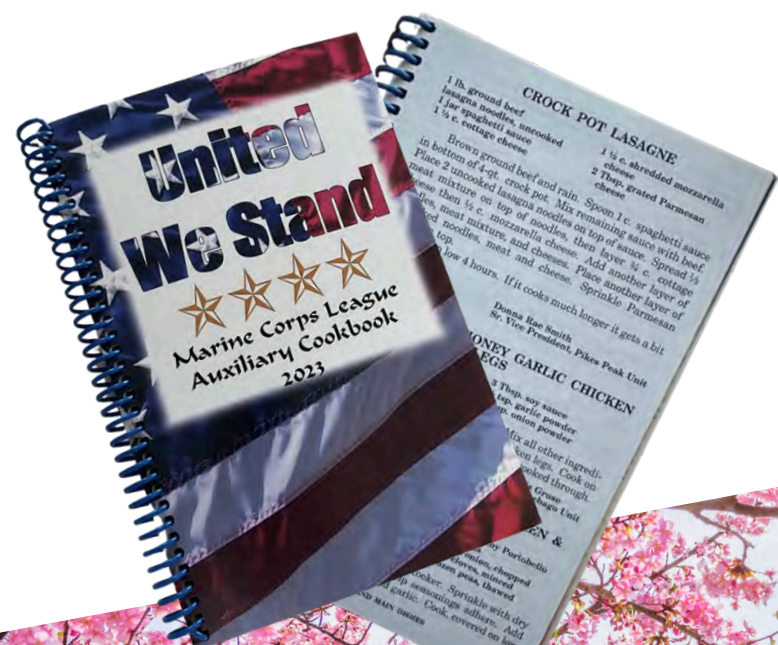
HOT ITEMS!

**PASSPORT HOLDERS - \$16, CAR
WINDOW SHADE - \$20, AND
2025 POCKET CALENDARS - \$5!**



GET YOUR COOKBOOK! - \$20

If you haven't ordered your
cookbook yet, you can purchase it
through the Ship Store!



JACKETS!

Please note, the jackets run a little
small so please order one size
larger as they are a fitted form
design.

DENIM SHIRTS! - \$40

Please note, the MCLA logo will be
embroidered using black, white,
and gold (not shown in picture)





2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 11-15, 2025



HOST: MCL Department of Texas

HOTEL: Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport

RESERVATION PHONE #: 1-800-233-1234 (Reservations opened at 9 AM (Central Daylight Time) on Monday, August 19, 2024. **Website:** <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DFWAP/G-MCL5> **Block Code:** G-MCL5

ROOM RATE: \$162/night includes taxes, breakfast for 2 and parking (RV parking is available at Terminal B at the airport) – Check in 3 PM, Check out 12 noon.

Each room features complimentary Wi-Fi, single cup Keurig coffee maker, mini refrigerator, and hair dryer.

AMENITIES: Fitness Center, Pool, On-site restaurants (including a coffee bar), Business Center, Pet Friendly Hotel. There is limited food delivery to the hotel.

Free shuttle from airport to hotel and from hotel to downtown Grapevine

Grapevine Main Street will offer Military Discounts or shoulder badge discount.

Events will be listed on the Website MCL250.org beginning Monday, August 19, 2024. Tickets will go on sale starting February 1, 2025. Tickets for all events can be purchased in one transaction.

They are planning both daily and evening events:

- Cowboy BBQ Meet and Greet
- Daily trips to Grapevine & Arlington, TX
- National Medal of Honor Museum Banquet
- MODD/MODD Fleas Dinner & Silent Auction
- Convention Banquet



Updates will be published in the Newsletter as they are received. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PNP EVELYN B. JOPPA

Lynn Helen Wasson 10/21/24

Lynn Helen Wasson, a member of the Montezuma Unit, passed on October 21, 2024. Lynn was a nurse caring for many. It is never too late to pray for the family. Her next of kin is her husband Jerry B Wasson, 809 Sunset Blvd., Tallmadge, OH 44278.



Geri Phillips, Life Member-at-Large 03/12/25

Geri has served in many MCLA offices, from the Unit Level, Department Level and the National Southwest Division Vice President. Past Member of the Six Rivers Unit. Ca. She was currently Life Member at Large. Geri always volunteered to visit Marine Wounded Warriors, VA Hospital and participated in the MCL/MCLA Youth Benefits & Programs. Prayers and cards may be sent to: R. Meade Phillips and family, PO Box 1004, Hamilton, MT 59840.

Message from National Sr. VP, Mary Brief and husband Ron

"We would like to thank who have sent cards and prayers during this difficult time. Each card does brighten our day, to know that so many MCLA sisters would take time out of your day and think of us in a special way helps more than you can imagine.



God's Blessings to each of you!



Chaplain's Corner Notes

Brighten the Day of a Member in Need!

Ellen Albert, Lake Havasu member and her husband Ray could use some prayers and some kind words of comfort and healing. Ray just had back surgery. Address: 1969 Gold Dust Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

Lil Meehan, Lake Havasu City Member fell and broke her arm. Prayers and cards may be sent. 1642 McCulloch Blvd #174, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403-0961

Donna Rae Smith, National Assistant Chaplain had hand surgery March 7. She is home recovering. Prayers for complete success and healing. Cards may be sent: 7620 Independence CT., Colorado Springs, Co 80920-3704

National Sr VP Mary Brief and Husband Ron lost Ron's Mother on March 6th. Prayers for the family and cards may be sent to 7120 Brief Road, Kingston, MI 48741-9753, Other family members belong to the Edson Kline VanSlyke Unit Auxiliary are: Elizabeth LaPouttre is a granddaughter: 1491 N. Wagner Rd-Essexville, MI 48732-9698; this family took over the care of Mrs. Brief's dog Duke Chelsey Brief is granddaughter of 7970 S Block Rd-Frankenmuth MI 48734-9517 Rayna LaPouttre is great-granddaughter 722 S. Grant St-Bay city, MI 48708-7307.

Donna McCoy, Lake Havasu unit member, has started chemo. I am sure she would love some kind words and inspiration as well as lots of prayer. 2782 Minnow Ln, Lake Havasu City, AZ, 86403-3917

Sallie Jacobs, a Central Missouri Unit member, is currently hospitalized, and she hopes to go home soon. Sallie needs our prayers, and you may send a card to 2920A Skyview Dr. Jefferson City, MO 65101

Mike and Karen Francis (member of CLP Mason O Yarbrough Unit) lost Mike's father Frank March 19, 2025. Prayers and Condolences to 1535 Ridge Road, Jackson, MO 64755-3324

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn Joppa

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