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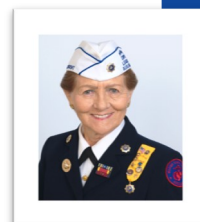
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National President Evelyn Joppa

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



**May the joy of family and friends flood
your home with blessings!**

On November 6, Marine Joppa and I attended the 246th Birthday Ball hosted by the Spring Hill Detachment #708. As their guest speaker, it was an honor for me to represent the Auxiliary as National President and to address the Marines on this important historical event. The event was well attended.

On November 11, I attended the Veterans Day Celebration at Arlington National Cemetery to represent the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. It was truly a humbling experience. Laying the wreath with National Commandant Johnny Baker and Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett was a wonderful way to show the depth of support each of these organizations has for our Veterans and each other. We were accompanied and assisted by National Executive Director Bob Borka, National Secretary Ramona Smith, Kennel Aide-De-Kamp to the 59th Chief Mike Francis, National Banner Bearer Karen Francis, and wife of the Commandant, Janice Baker.

As the end of 2021 nears, please consider the National Memorial Fund and Operation Little Angel Program with donations. The support for these programs is much appreciated.

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National President continued

Mid-Winter will be here soon. The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Virginia is the host site. The conference will be held February 24-26. This is an opportunity to see your National Staff in action. **Come and join us.** The conference program book is a nice way to get the word out about your Unit or Department and to show your support. Please consider placing an ad. The link on the website has the needed information (<https://nationalmcla.org>). All deadlines are February 4, 2022.

There are many needs all year; however, the Holiday Season brings those needs to the forefront. Thank you for all you do for our active-duty service men and women, veterans, and our communities. Please continue to keep all in need in thought and prayer. **Especially please remember those families missing loved ones. May the special memories and good times bring them peace and comfort.**

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn B. Joppa

National President



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

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much! Helen Keller

FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Happy December! As the weather turns colder, may your hearts be warmed by the beauty of the Holiday season and time spent with loved ones and friends.

A reminder, the deadline for all Ship Store orders for 2022 is Friday, December 10th.

The office will be closed from 24 December - 2 January.

It has been a privilege serving all of you this year, and I am looking forward to a fabulous 2022!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ramona Smith
National Secretary



SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain

It's hard to believe in a few short weeks we will be planning holiday get-togethers and wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and then saying a fond (or maybe a not-so-fond) farewell to 2021.

The holidays this year for some of us will be celebrated with a heavy heart and sadness, rather than the joys of the season we have experienced in the past. However, knowing in our heart-of-hearts that our loved one or ones would want us to be brave and carry on the traditions we have developed through the years and knowing they will be with us in spirit may make things a little easier.

In closing, I am going to share something my husband said to me when my father passed away and I was feeling down; it was "Remember the Good Times," and that is what I am asking all of my Auxiliary Sisters who may be feeling the loss of someone they held dear to do this holiday season. I am not sure it will specifically help you, but I can attest to the fact that it does work.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and may your New Year be a healthy one.

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice Pres



From: JR Vice President, Dotty Sanning

Here is a recipe you may find useful for this hectic time of year:

Recipe for Friendship

1 cup of encouragement

3 cups of laughter

2 cups of understanding

1 cup each of life's joys & sorrows

Mix well. Sprinkle with love and prayer.

Bake in a warm heart for a lifetime.

Serve often with tea, coffee or wine.



JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

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What an eventful month December is! In the first place this is the time of year when we are buying or making gifts for those we love, packing them for mailing or delivery, and checking our lists twice to make sure we have not forgotten anyone. Secondly, we also purchase or prepare gift items for those in nursing homes, hospitals or shelters. Furthermore, we also need to make sure we are taking care of ourselves. Therefore, when you are in your busy mode I encourage you to reflect upon your own needs so that you can continue to be the woman you need to be during this stressful, but rewarding, time of year.

Unit Secretary/Treasurer's - December is the deadline for turning in all of the transmittals for your units.

Department Secretary/Treasurer's – Consequently, this is when you should be making sure you have received information from all of the units in your state. If not, go up your chain of command to your Department President. She, in turn, should contact the unit president that you have not heard from.

Division Vice Presidents – This is your opportunity to make sure you have received transmittals from ALL of your departments or units (if there is no department). Let's not let any unit slip through the cracks this year. We don't want them to lose their status because they failed to turn in their transmittals. In any event, please find out what the problem is and do everything you can to correct it.

Ladies, as you speak with your auxiliary friends I ask you to remember to keep them in your hearts. We never fully know the struggles others are carrying with them but perhaps a kind word or smile will go a long way.



Here is my gift for everyone –

*I've learned that everyone you meet
deserves that first smile.*

Live and Learn and Pass It On.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice Pres.



*JOY
LOVE
PEACE
LAUGHTER
CHRISTMAS*

***MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SHIPS STORE CREW AND
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY
DURING THE PAST YEAR. ALSO, SPECIAL BLESSINGS TO
OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES. GOD BLESS EVERY-
ONE AND MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS SPARKLE WITH
MOMENTS OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER,
JUDY, DEBBY, MITZY AND PATTI***



National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

The Holidays are nearly upon us, the New Year is right around the corner, and many are looking to start 2022 with renewed vigor. December is a perfect month to evaluate the way in which our unit meetings are being conducted. Our National, Department, and Unit levels do an excellent job of outlining the way in which we should be conducting business with our body approved by-laws. However, some may overlook an equally important standard in the business and non-profit world in regards to how a business meeting should be conducted: Enter **Robert's Rules of Order**.



Robert's Rule of Order was first published in 1876 by U.S. Army officer Henry Martyn Robert. He adapted these rules from Congress so there is a common standard of running non-legislative societies. Some of these rules are very helpful when conducting business in the MCLA. Perhaps one of the most important "rule" refers to the instruction on how to record the minutes of the meeting appropriately. The meeting minutes are important both internally and externally as they document historical accuracy. The Secretary of an organization has an important task in recording the details of what happened in a meeting, and I hope the following points are found to be a useful reference for your Secretary, whether she be newly appointed or returning in her role.

- ♦ Meeting minutes should be concise; it is *not* suppose to be a transcription of who said what
- ♦ Minutes should document what was done in the meeting (motions, actions to be taken by special committees or officers, special committees that have a report)
- ♦ Minutes can be emailed to the membership prior to the meeting; however, any changes or corrections to the meeting's minutes should only be addressed during the meeting. This ensures if there are any discrepancies it is addressed and decided in front of the membership before approval of the minutes
- ♦ Any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during the meeting should be documented so the next month's agenda can be made accordingly

- ♦ Signature of the secretary & presiding officer should be on the bottom of the *approved* meeting minutes, along with the date of the approval
- ♦ It is recommended that a copy of the approved minutes, with signatures, be kept in the secretary files, treasurer files, and president files.
- ♦ Remember outside entities (IRS, financial institutions, and auditors) may refer to these minutes to ensure the membership has approved expenditures, bank account signature changes, or loan changes. Therefore, accuracy in this area is pertinent.
- ♦ Minutes should be organized in the same manner the meeting was conducted, using the President's agenda as sort of template is very useful, and helps ensure the conciseness of the minutes

As the New Year is upon us, it is my hope that you evaluate the accuracy and conciseness of your meeting minutes. Remember that the secretary has a most valuable job in record keeping and it can be a time-consuming task. I do hope that with the above points, she may find her job a little easier. Enjoy this time of celebration with your family, friends, and MCLA sisters. Embrace in the spirit of giving, the spirit of grace, and the spirit of patriotism that unites us all in servitude to our Marines, their families, and our veterans.

*Merry Christmas and may God Bless You,
your Units, and your endeavors this coming year*

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate



National Chaplain

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BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON, NO MATTER HOW YOU CELEBRATE

National Senior Vice President, Linda Chamberlain, lost her beloved Marine, Charlie Chamberlain this past month. Charlie had been ill for a bit, but was always around in his wheel chair, present for all that was going on at conventions. Cards of condolence for Linda and family may be mailed to 156 Waverly Road, Southampton, PA. 18966.

Mitzi Abeyta lost her Marine in early November. Steve Abeyta had been in and out of the hospital for a very long time. Mitzi is the Rocky Mt. Division Vice President. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her at 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO. 81144.

Dept. of Minnesota member, Cheryl Zachman, lost her brother on 11-2-21. Her brother had a full military service having served in the Army. He had suffered so long and is now at peace with other siblings. Cheryl needs our prayers as she goes to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, MN, to determine what they will do with her right ankle. She thanks all for the prayers and cards that have been sent to her. Cheryl Zachman, 142 Jay Street, Le Sueur, Mn. 56058-1313

Janell Miller, Dept of Iowa chaplain, lost her brother in law, who had suffered with Agent Orange lung cancer. He endured the treatments but they damaged his heart and he had struggled for the past year. He eventually went to the hospital with Covid. Cards of condolence may be sent to Rich and Janell Miller, 2513 Cottage Ave. Waverly, Ia. 50677.

Past Dept of Iowa Commandant, Kathy Moreno, lost her father after a lengthy illness. Condolences to Kathy and family may be sent to 2410 S Hennepin , Sioux City, Ia. 51106-3602.

Peg Walz lost her son this past month. Peg is a member of the Smedley D. Butler unit in PA. Condolences may be mailed to her at 14 Pilgrim Lane, Dexter Hill, PA 19026.

Lola Cochran, Dept of Ill. Member was in the hospital with a broken femur, for which she had surgery. Lola is so great to send cards for every occasion. This is an opportunity to shower her with cards. 340 Whitelaw Ave. Wood River, Ill. 62095.

Carly and Kody Griffin, Son and daughter in law of Larry Nehring Unit member, Teresa BeLieu, are mourning the passing of Carly's brother. He was a purple heart recipient and an Army airborne veteran. He was a young man in his 30's and leaves behind a wife and three young children. Carly and Kody are both Navy veterans as well. Cards of sympathy may be sent to them at 8036 Dema Drive, Des Moines, IA 50320.

George Kline, Marine husband of Larry Nehring unit member, Marti Kline, had knee surgery this past month. He is not dancing yet, but is doing as well as can be expected. Ladies know how taking care of a Marine can be, send cards of cheer and encouragement to George and Marti at 9804 NE 40th Ave. Mitchellville, Iowa. 50169.

National Chaplain continued

Janet Pufpuff. Dept of Minn. Is recovering from surgery in her right arm where they placed a pin and plate. Cards of encouragement for her go to 43526 County road 13, St. Peter, Minnesota, 56082.

Dept of Kansas and the Tri River detachment lost their Commandant, Larry Cushenbery on 10-22-21. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Yvonne Cushenbery, 3474 Diamond, Tampa, Kansas, 67483.

Just a note, my step daughter continues with Chemo. She decided to shave her head and wear cute hats and avoid all the mess of hair on her shoulders. Keep Nancy Nobile Wiggins in your prayers this Holiday season. She is a real trouper cooking and baking each day to fill the hours when not taking chemo treatments.



MAY YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WHICH IS
PEACE- THE GLADNESS OF CHRISTMAS WHICH IS HOPE,
AND THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS WHICH IS LOVE.

TRACEY AND I WISH ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
JOYOUS HOLIDAY FILLED WITH PEACE. LIVE AND
PROSPERITY. BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present: \$806

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