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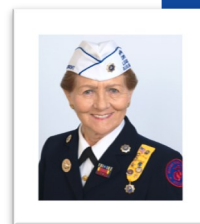
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9am—3pm

National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies

Happy New Year 2022! As we embark on the new year may we have clear vision and strength to fulfill our goals to continue the mission of helping our Military, Veterans, Community, and family.

We all need to think outside the box and share what is working in your home area. Sharing information and asking questions help all of us. Laughter and smiles go a long way to keep members working for our goals and objectives. Happy members are more likely attend and participate.

The Mid-Winter Staff Conference February 24-26th.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner. Have you registered, signed up for the banquet, and booked your hotel reservation? Departments and Units, please submit an ad for the Mid-Winter Program book. All deadlines are February 4, 2022. Yes, it is a staff meeting; however all are welcome. Come and see your Board in action.

The Pre-Conference Board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday February 24 in the Greenway room, 4th floor. Joint Hospitality Thursday evening TBA.

The agenda for Friday and Saturday is attached to this newsletter, subject to change. Meeting Room will be the Clairmont Room, and the Ship's Store will be in the Brandon Room both on the 4th floor.

Join us for an Operation Little Angel Project in the general meeting room. We will have a live auction after the workshop. All proceeds will go to OLA. See Flyer for details

Southeast Division VP Carol Mazzara has stepped down. Carol has been an outstanding member of the board and served her division well. Thank you, Carol. The Board approved the

National President

appointment of Lynn Cortright, South Carolina as Southeast Division VP and Rebecca Marcel, Louisiana as the Assistant VP. Thank you, ladies, and welcome aboard.

Let us be ever mindful of the needs of our members and their families. Many hardships have occurred this past year. Special thank you to PNP Barbara Nobile for keeping all of us informed.

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



**Mid-Winter Fun
President invites you
to join the fun!**

(Operation Little Angel Project)

Tie Blankets for Mary's House

February 25 Friday 7-9 PM

Auxiliary Meeting Room

**Come laugh, smile and work together
as we warm the hearts of those at
Mary's House by finishing a dozen
blankets for their enjoyment.**

Refreshments will be served.

All materials have been donated

Special

Surprise Auction to follow

Items Donated by the OLA Committee and friends.

Tickets 20 for \$5.00

Bring your best Bidding voice.

All proceeds will benefit

Operation Little Angels



FROM RAMONA'S DESK

As some of you may already know, I lost my sister during the holidays and have extended my leave in Germany to assist my family.

Due to my absence the office will remain closed until I return.

For any important issues that you need assistance with, please email me (at mclahq@nationalmcla.org) or call the National President at 727-207-2149. Thank you for your understanding and support. My family and I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.

Hugs,
Ramona



SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and that you all were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. I spent Christmas with my family, where we laughed and cried as we reminisced about Christmases past. What a great day!

Dictionary.com defines RESOLUTION as the act of resolving or determining upon an action, course of action, method, procedure, etc., a resolve; a decision or determination. So, did any of you make a resolution for 2022 as you rang in the New Year? I didn't, as I have learned that usually any resolution I make on New Year's Eve doesn't make it past the first week in January. I have also learned that each day may bring a new challenge or learn something new or the ability to right a wrong. Therefore, my resolution each and every day is to be the best person I can be and, if that is facing a new challenge head-on with a good outcome, having an opportunity to learn something new, expanding my knowledge on a subject I am already familiar with, or reconnecting with someone with whom I have had a misunderstanding and setting the matter straight, then I have fulfilled my daily resolution to myself. Now, this doesn't always happen because some days do not provide this opportunity. There is one final resolution I am going to continue to try and keep and that is to recruit at least one new member to our wonderful organization.

Enough about resolutions. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all Unit and Department Presidents (present, past and those aspiring to hold the position of Unit or Department President) or their representative in attendance at the Conference to join me for the Unit and Department President's Council at the Mid-Winter Conference on Friday, February 25, 2022, at noon. Bring your lunch; my plan is to have an open forum on how COVID has affected your Unit/Department and how can we overcome the challenges of COVID in 2022.



I would also like to invite everyone to join me at 7:30 AM on Saturday, February 26, (location to be determined) for breakfast to honor Madam President, Evelyn Joppa.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in Norfolk and until then - Stay Safe!

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain *National Senior Vice President*

The Rocky Mountain Diamonds

The Rocky Mountain Daimonds wrapped gifts and gathered donations and built 75 Goodie Bags for the Veterans at the Rocky Mountain Regional Hospital.



JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

NationalJrVP@nationalmcla.org

Happy New Year!

As I sit here at my computer desk, still surrounded by Christmas, I firmly resolve to take down my trees in a couple of weeks. One tree is traditional, filled with all of the decorations from my kids that we have collected together throughout the years. The other tree is one I started last year and simply added more decorations to this year – I am pleased to say it is done! I believe my Grinch tree is finally filled to capacity.

As for the other Christmas tree, the one with all of the family ornaments, some changes need to be made in my opinion. I believe it is time for me to divide up the ornaments and ship them off to my kids. They are all adults and may enjoy having them in their family tree to evoke fond memories of their youth. Then again, I am not sure if I am ready to let go of those ornaments just yet.



For many of us who have lost someone dear in the past year it has been a rough holiday season, letting go of people or things that were important to us. I, for one, am ready for a new year. Last year gave me several opportunities to be with family and friends; I just wish it had not always been for memorial services. We trust that we will have the strength and comfort of memories to see us through the bluer days. Despite the pain every time we lose someone we do what needs to be done to move on. One way to seek help with those days is turning to an Auxiliary sister to lend a helping hand from time to time.

In order to have more hands available we must continue to recruit. Let us join together to grow our family in 2022. Furthermore, what about making it a resolution? Additionally, I have another resolution - to seek out a lobster roll at every conference and convention site. Would you like to join me? Not only will this help us learn the different areas that are hosting our meetings but it could also allow us the opportunity to meet new people and perhaps recruit a new member. Remember that you don't have to recruit only in your immediate area. You can recruit anywhere to help us grow. I look forward to seeing the new membership numbers grow. Does anyone have suggestions for lobster rolls in Norfolk, Virginia and Daytona Beach, Florida? If so, I look forward to hearing them and having some of you join me.

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice Pres.

A stylized illustration of five colorful fireworks (red, blue, yellow, green, and purple) exploding in a white, cloud-like shape. The fireworks are depicted with long, thin lines radiating from a central point, creating a starburst effect. The colors are vibrant and distinct. The entire illustration is set against a white background with a subtle, light gray cloud-like outline.

If you need a large quantity of something, please let the HQ office know.



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National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

As the New Year rings in, with it brings people making resolutions for change in their life for the next year. The MCLA has by-laws in place to help guide our organization to be compliant with federal and state regulations, be consistent in the manner in which do our business, and conduct ourselves in a dignified manner.

To conduct ourselves in a dignified manner requires us to use respect. When you look at people and consider their worth as human being, it encourages you to treat them with decency and dignity. Treating others with honor and dignity has two main components: honor and dignity.

We want others to appreciate our worth as a human being- not in a prideful or boastful way, but rather we want 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, and by doing so you demonstrate that you value them.

We take pride in our MCLA as our Units are able to help Veterans and families who might be less fortunate or may experience a significant event that changes their current status. We make a commitment to demonstrate respect by using specific actions that show them honor and dignity.

Due to the disconnected nature of the digital world, it becomes easy for us to say what we want before we think how it will affect others. We forget how to treat each other with honor and dignity. We are many ladies with all different qualities and flaws. When we focus on the qualities, the flaws will diminish. Cheer each other on and the good works you accomplish. Most of all, show respect to and for each other.

If we destroy ourselves from within and do not show respect towards one another, we will lose members and have discourse within our Units. Respect is shown by listening, loving, being patient, and honoring others above ourselves. It is very important that we continually remind ourselves of this in our Units. The Unit and members are the most important part of the MCLA. We need to focus on the value that each member contributes no matter how big or small that may be.

Include the MCLA in your New Year resolution. Resolve to build a strong base at the Unit level in 2022. Once you have that strong base in place, there is nothing that cannot be accomplished for our Veterans!

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate



National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org



Shirley Johnson * Spring Hill Unit, Florida, 10-1-2021 . Condolences to her husband, 1532 Wallace Manor, Winter Haven, FL 34607.

Barbara June Morgan * Charter member of the Music City Unit, TN. – 11-22-2021, Condolences to son and family, Mike and Ann Stone, PO Box 411, Brentwood, TN. 37024.

Karen Mae Batdorf* Kankakee Unit, Ill, - 11-22-2021. Condolences to Jeanene Dunne, 1133 Meadows Walk Drive, Bourbonnais, IL.

Terry Souder * 12-2021 Dept of PA, Condolences to Husband, George Souder, 402 Highland, Ave. Morton, PA 19070.

National Sr. Vice President. Linda Chamberlain lost her Marine husband, Charlie. Cards of encouragement may be mailed to her at-156 Wave4rly Road, Southampton, PA 18966.

Dept of Missouri member, Karen Francis lost her sister and her aunt all within hours. Cards of condolence may be sent to her 1535 Ridge Road, Jackson, MO 63755.

Prayers were requested in December for the following members. I would ask you keep them in your prayers going into the New Year.

Rita Schulte, Central MO unit, is in rehab following a serious car accident. It will take some time for her to heal.

Larry Nehring Unit member in Iowa, Kristi Harding, had ankle surgery that continues to cause her pain and swelling.

Pat Bulger had covid while in Florida and has now returned home and is doing fine.

Janell Miller, Dept of Iowa Chaplain needed our prayers for family members.

Lisa Solarczyk had surgery to remove a gland under her left jaw. We pray she is healing well. Please keep Marine and MCLA member Lisa in your thoughts, Lisa Solarczyk, 144 Carroll Street, Pittston, PA 18640.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2022.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE



Count your Blessings

Foundation fundraising is sometimes slow, and to keep it going takes lots of dough.
Let's have some fun, to provide some funds.

When it is computed and you realized your blessings, submit your donation to MCLA Headquarters.

I live in a comfortable house or apartment	50 cents	_____
I have ____ Tv's	50 cents	_____
I have ____ automobiles	50 cents	_____
I have a dishwasher or a husband that does dishes	50 cents	_____
I have a washer & dryer	50 cents	_____
I have ____ cat/dog/bird	50 cents	_____
I am a Veteran	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Mother and/or Father	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Spouse	\$1.00	_____
I have ____ siblings	50 cents	_____
I have ____ children	50 cents	_____
I have ____ grand/ great grandchildren	50 cents	_____
I have served in an office in the Auxiliary	\$1.00	_____
I have ruined dinner and had to order out	50 cents	_____
I have had my COVID Vaccine	\$1.00	_____
I try to make everyday a good day	\$1.00	_____
I am grateful for my Auxiliary Sisters	\$1.00	_____
I exercise at least once a week	50 cents	_____
I have donated to the less fortunate	50 cents	_____
I have had my annual physical	50 cents	_____
I have had fun counting my Blessings	50 cents	_____
I am especially thankful that I live in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA		_____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

COUNT
YOUR
BLESSINGS



With extreme pride in our MCLA and with grateful appreciation for your consideration in supporting our efforts to help our Auxiliary continue its' great endeavors, we thank YOU in advance for all you can do.

MCLA Headquarters Project Committee-Gerri, Mary and Peggy

Headquarters Project "Count Your Blessings"

<https://nationalmclahq.square.site/>

Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee



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Sr. Vice President Linda Chamberlain
Jr. Vice President Dotty Sanning
Judge Advocate Mary Brief
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Dated Material : January

Address Service Requested

MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 24 – 26, 2022 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510
Phone: (757) 622-6664 \$129.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Online registration is available at MCLLeagueLibrary.org/Conference

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration in \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit: _____	Det/Unit: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

*A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution***

Program Book (place # of ads on appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 _____

Half page @ \$60 _____

Quarter page @ \$30 _____

Business card @ \$25 _____

Patron listing @ \$2 _____

Banquet Meals @ \$60 Each

No. of Beef _____

No. of Chicken _____

No. of Fish _____

No. of Vegetarian _____

Total # of Meals _____

	Quantity	Dollars
Total number pre-registration delegates	_____	_____
Total number of banquet meals	_____	_____
Program book ads	_____	_____

GRAND TOTAL DUE _____

Check or money order enclosed ☐ Check / MO # _____ Amount _____
Please make checks and money orders payable to MCL, Inc. or Marine Corps League, Inc.

Email _____

Signature _____

*** For Visa, MasterCard and Discover; please use online registration at MCLLeagueLibrary.org/Conference**

Please mail to: Marine Corps League HQ, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference
3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554.

We request the ad book submissions be emailed to **LWilliamson@mcleague.org**



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MCLA MID-WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA

(Subject to change)

February 25 – February 26, 2022

Norfolk, VA

Friday, February 25, 2022

Joint Opening – 9 a.m.

Joint Memorial Service – 10 a.m.

Chapel of Four Chaplains - 11 a.m.

Lunch– 12 – 1 p.m. Bring your Lunch /Presidents' Council – 12-1 p.m.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

OPENING CEREMONY 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

Fill Vacant Chairs

Roll Call of Officers

Members waiting for admittance

Reading of 2021 Post Convention Minutes

Reading of minutes from Pre-Board Conference meeting from February 24, 2022

Report of Elected Officers

President – Evelyn Joppa

Sr. Vice – Linda Chamberlain

Jr. Vice – Dotty Sanning

JA – Mary Brief

Division Vice Presidents

Ship's Store Report: \$_____

(Subject to change)



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Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees

Americanism – Tracey Killinger
Child Welfare – Pat Engel
Civics – Judy Blackmer
Rehabilitation – Viola Trevino
VAVS – Debby Krueger
Chief of Staff – PNP Gerri Tuohy

Announcements

OLA Party – Friday, 7:30 p.m. –Room
Ship's Store Hours
Other?

Recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Hand Salute

Roll call of officers

Minutes from Friday's meeting

Communications

Chaplain's Report – PNP Barbara Nobile

National Jr. Vice President – 100% Membership/990s – Linda Chamberlain

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued):

National Comptroller – Peggy Tuohy
VAVS Representative – Debby Krueger
Budget & Allowance – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Bylaws & Administrative Procedures – PNP Karen Wheeler
Uniform Committee – Susie Lee
Girl Scouts – Leona Rowley
Operation Little Angel – PNP Barbara Nobile
Insurance – Susie Lee
Memorial Fund – PNP Carol Smith
Ships Store – Debby Krueger/Judy Blackmer \$ _____

(Subject to change)



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Forms – Marti Kline
MODD Fleas – Madam Big Flea Eve Joppa
Insurance Committee – Linda Chamberlain
Convention Liaison – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Legislative Committee – Darlene McCubbin
Ritual Committee – PNP Gerri Tuohy
Chapel of Four Chaplains – Sydney Minchin

Recess for lunch (On your own: 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.)

Call to order – Silence all cell phones

Open Bible, Hand Salute

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ships Store Report: \$_____

Reports of Appointed National Staff and Committees (continued)

National Headquarters Project – Peggy Tuohy

National Webmaster – Ramona Smith

Legislative – Darlene McCubbin

50 Year Pin – PNP Cindy Marshall

Uniform – Susie Lee

Banner – Karen Francis

History Book – Marti Kline

Memory Book – Lynn Cortright

Other?

Operation Little Angel Presentation

Good of the Order

Announcements:

Social Adjustment – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Reception & Banquet – 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY

NOTES:

The following have been invited to bring greetings to the Auxiliary at their convenience, and our meeting will pause accordingly.

(Subject to change)



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

MCL Commandant Johnny Baker
58th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett
MCL Foundation President
MCL COO Bob Borka
Director of the Young Marines Bill Davis
Morgan Stanley Representative Tom McIlwee

***Have a safe trip home. See you at the 99th National Convention in Daytona,
Florida
August 15- 19, 2022!***

(Subject to change)