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Greetings Ladies and Happy 4th of July!

As we celebrate with family and friends, let us remember the sacrifices made to gain the independence for this great country and the freedoms we enjoy!

The National Convention in Springfield, Illinois is just a few weeks away. It is going to be wonderful to greet each other and work together to accomplish the business at hand.

The proposed Bylaws and Administrative Procedures changes were attached to the June National Newsletter and will be sent again as an attachment to the July Newsletter. These proposals will be posted on the website as well. I hope you have had a chance to review them and will be part of the decisions made at this convention.

Our current website is going through some updates and changes. We hope these changes will be user friendly and easy to navigate. (nationalmcla.net)

Our work is never done. We must continue to recruit new members and mentor the current members. We must stay in touch with those unable to make meetings. Many of our units call or send cards or visit members out of touch. Several of our unit presidents are receiving the National Newsletter by email and sending to each unit member. What a great idea! These same Unit Presidents are taking copies to their meetings for those who do not have internet. Events for the units and detachments along with opportunities to assist are being sent to each member as well. We as individuals cannot do everything. We must pick and choose what works for us, but we can do something. Every little bit helps!

It was an honor to install the officers for the Morris Dixon, and Spring Hill Units. It was an honor and privilege to install the Department of

National President

Florida Offices with the able assistance of Rogene Hackbarth, National Guard, as installing Chaplain, and Nancy Calleja, Past Dept. President, as Installing Guard. It is a delight to see our members spread their wings and take on new responsibilities.

I drove to North Carolina June 25-27th to present the Charter to the new Department of North Carolina and install their officers with the assistance of Doris Bojanowski Mideast Division Vice President and Karen Francis Department of MO. The Department is an enthusiastic group of strong ladies, and the future of this Department is bright. I heard this morning they already have another unit in the works!



Pictured: Dept Officers Judge Advocate Karen Barton, President Barbara Dugan, Mideast Div. VP Doris Bojanowski, Jr Vice Dianne Randall, and Nat. Pres Evelyn Joppa. Not pictured: SR Vice Pamela Thomas (broken foot, unable to travel) and Treasurer Norine Rosetti.

Thank you for all you do to support the League and strengthen the Auxiliary. Please keep our members who are sick and/or distressed in your prayers.

Success is built on the dreams of those who seek to serve others!

Evelyn Joppa

National President

Remembering Madam Big Flea, Joyce Brickett



Evelyn & Joyce

National Scratch 2014

Our National Big Flea, Joyce Brickett, has been called home by God in his infinite wisdom. Joyce has served the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and the Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas well and completed her journey. This kind and gentle member will be missed. Joyce is trusting us all to carry on and make her term as National Big Flea a complete success by making this 2021 Flea Scratch to be all she hoped for and more. .

Remember Joyce's Theme: "Anything Military"

Call To 2021 National Convention



TO: All members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, INC
From: Evelyn B. Joppa, National President
SUBJECT: Call to 2021 National Convention

In accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and by the authority vested in me as National President, I Evelyn B. Joppa, do hereby issue the call to National Convention. This event will take place August 8 to August 13 in Springfield, Illinois.

Purpose: To revise/amend Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; to present resolutions; to transact business as may properly come before the Assembly; to receive reports of the National Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs, both Administrative and Standing; and to elect National Officers.

Representation: Please reproduce the Credential/Delegate form as needed, fill out the form completely, and deliver to the National Headquarters (PO Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038) no later than July 1, 2021. Every member is entitled to vote and does not need to have a credential form on file at National but must present a current membership card to receive convention credentials.

Registration: All members, delegates, alternates, officers, and guests must register to receive an admission badge/convention credentials. Badges must be visible for the National Guard when entering the meeting room for sessions.

Meetings: All Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and general sessions.

Committees: All members of Administrative and Standing Committees are expected to attend the meetings called by their respective Chairmen prior to the Convention. If you are unable to serve on the committee to which you have accepted an appointment, please notify the National President as soon as possible.

Caucuses: All Unit, Department, and Division caucuses, if needed, should be held prior to the final session. This will avoid taking time away from the scheduled business meeting.

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn B. Joppa
National President

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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 _____

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

SR Vice President

Linda Chamberlain

Many years ago a PNP/PDP, good friend and mentor gave me a folder and told me I might find some helpful items inside for President's Council topics when I became National Senior Vice President. Well, the folder has proven to be a world of knowledge and ideas, not only for President's Council but for newsletter articles. Since I was not sure exactly what I was going to write about this month, I dug out my trusty folder and began paging through the contents. When I came to the page regarding Duties of Officers, a light bulb went off, resulting in what I hope will give you some ideas for your **“Transition of Position”**.

We all know that when we leave our elected or appointed position we are to turn over the information relating to that position to our successor. Handing over the file(s) and giving the incoming officer an explanation of what you are giving them and a quick “this-is-what-the-position entails,” in my opinion, is only half helping them become successful. Therefore, I am suggesting that, if you do not already have this process in place, you consider making the following a part of your Unit or Department Officer files:

Develop a Helpful Hints binder or folder to be passed along with the files at the end of your term of office. Included could be an outline of what is to be done on a monthly basis, a current membership listing with contact information, a detailed explanation on how to complete a transmittal and cover sheet (with a sample of each). If you keep your membership records in a certain way an example would be helpful, along with prayer suggestions for draping the charter, how to do a roll call of officers, etc. (You get the idea.)

Again, for some positions a folder will suffice rather than a binder. This way the incoming officers will have something to refer to when they have a question. We all need to remember we were new to the position at one time and had questions. Even though a member may attend all of the meetings, that doesn't mean they know how to call roll or set up the room for the meeting. The binder/folder should be updated prior to passing it along, and adding personal comments is always helpful. This binder or folder is in no way meant to replace personal one-on-one communication on how to fulfill the position; it is to be used solely as a guide. Remember, the incoming officer may not do everything the same way you did, but we all have our own style and way of doing things. Believe me when I tell you that the binder passed onto me by my predecessor in my positions as National Judge Advocate, Junior Vice and now Senior Vice has proven to be invaluable.

Have a Happy and Safe July 4th

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain National Senior Vice President

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the new Unit and Department officers across the country. Per our Ritual Book, Installation Ceremony:

The fact that you have been elected by the members ... they have great faith in your integrity and ability, and that they feel assured you will strictly and impartially discharge all duties incumbent upon you; council true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary ... to the best of my ability in performing the duties of my office. I will attend all meetings when called upon to do so, and perform all duties required of me; care for all property given into my care, and relinquish same ... I most solemnly promise.

In other words, when you take a leadership position you may have a turnover file for that position. With this in mind, in the oath of office you agreed to turn this over when you vacate that position. It is important to realize that when you do not do as you promised it can create problems for the next person in that position and your unit, in general. Keep in mind that we should help each other grow in the Auxiliary and this is but one small way that we can help. When you hold a leadership position, you may want to add to the turnover file anything new that you find to be particularly helpful or create a turnover file if none exists.

Another way of helping each other is to have open discussions in Unit meetings. Have the important dialogue about the Bylaws and Administrative Procedure changes that were provided in last month's newsletter. Equally important, all of our members should have an opportunity to talk about the issues that were presented. Subsequently, even if the



JR Vice President

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entire Unit cannot attend the National Convention, your Unit's voice can still be heard via the information delegates bring from their unit meetings. Further, because these ladies are your Unit delegates for National Convention – they will be voting on the changes.

With much anticipation, in a few weeks I should be receiving the final membership and recruiter numbers from our National Secretary in preparation for the National Convention. I hope that those Units who did not send their transmittals in by last December will have accomplished this now. We will also find out who the top recruiters are for the year. It's not easy recruiting new members during quarantine but it can be done – and was!

I hope to see you all in Springfield. Have a safe Independence Day!

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President



FROM THE OFFICE:

Covers!! - Just providing an update that due to COVID-19, our distributor for covers is still experiencing significant delays in fulfilling orders. Existing orders have been validated, but the expected shipment time is approximately 12 weeks from the time place your order. Hopefully, they will all be received in time for Convention.



Come find me at Convention — I look forward to meeting you all in person!

Ramona, National Secretary

National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

The national newsletter is to be a source of information for Divisions, Departments, Units, and Individual members. Each member is welcomed to go to the national website, www.nationalmcla.net. The newsletter can be found under the “library” tab towards the bottom of the page. Please take time to read the newsletter as it is to be shared with all members.

The communication that comes from National should filter down to the members via the Division Vice Presidents, to Departments, to Units, and finally to individual members. As elected officers it is your duty to ensure that communication is forwarded in the correct manner.

It is better to have redundant information than not to have information at all, so please share the information with your Auxiliary sisters.

Semper Fi and God's Blessings,

Mary Brief



Send to the following:

Americanism: Tracey Killinger, 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy S, Chambersburg, PA 17202 traceykmcla@comcast.net

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TRUE PATRIOTISM SPRINGS FROM A BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY NOT ONLY FOR AMERICANS BUT FOR ALL PEOPLE ON EARTH. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

JOYCE BRICKETT * NATIONAL MADAME BIG FLEA, 6/15/2021. CONDOLENCES TO HUSBAND AND FAMILY, CHARLIE BRICKET, 4 BOWSPRIT LANE, SALEM, SC. 29676.

ELANOR DUNN* 3/14/21 CHESTER COUNTY UNIT, PA. No address for her sons for cards.

BARBBARA LOGAN* 4/14/2021 CHESTER COUNTY UNIT, PA. CONDELENCES TO TOM LOGAN, 263 Steeplechase Drive, Exton, PA.

BETTY JANE MCINTURFF* 6/02.2021 MUSIC CITY UNIT, TN. CONDOLENCES TO_ Mrs. Catherine Williams daughter and son James McInturff, 608 Brenthaven Rd. Nashville, TN. 37220.

MARY GARCIA MAL* 6/2021 CONDOLENCES TO—Rudy Garcia and family, 301 Lincoln Road, Chesapeake, VA, 23320.

PHYLLIS WOLFE* 6/04/2021 CENTRAL MISSOURI UNIT, MO. CONDOLENCES TO—NATIONAL JR. VICE PRESIDENT, DOTTY SANNING, 2003 Wooded Lane Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Please keep Patty Lewis from the All Divisions Unit in PA. Patty has Addison's disease and is at this time

Past Dept of New Jersey member, Anne Zakian was in the hospital this past month. Sending her prayers and cards would make her day. 109 Manor Lane, Willingboro, NJ. 08046.

AS ALWAYS KEEP OUR MEMBERS AND OUR BOARD IN YOUR PRAYERS.

*Respectfully Submitted,
PNP Barbara Nobile
National Chaplain*



OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

The Operation Little Angel committee is proud to announce they have chosen the SOJOURN SHELTER AND SERVICES, for the summer 2021 project.

The facility is located at 1800 Westchester Blvd. Springfield, Ill. 62704.

The facility was founded in 1975 by concerned locals in the community. The primary goal was to provide a safe place to help victims of domestic violence.

Having moved a few times as they grew, they now has a capacity for 26 individuals in the facility. Covid has changed the numbers allowed a bit.

The list of needs for this facility are as follows.

- TWIN SHEETS SETS WITH PILLOW CASES.
- RUBBER MADE CONTAINERS, UMBRELLAS.
- TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, BAGGIES OF ALL SIZES, FOIL WRAP, KLEENEX, CLEANING SUPPLIES, TRASH BAGS, BROOMS, DUST PANS, HAND SOAP AND REFILLS, LAUNDRY SOAP.
- DRINKING CUPS, KITCHEN UTINSELS, FLATWARE, WASH CLOTHS, DISH TOWELS.
- BODY WASH, HAIRCARE PRODUCTS, AFRICAN AMERICAN HAIRCARE PRODUCTS, BRUSHES AND COMBS, DEODORANT, ALARM CLOCKS, HAIR DRYERS, TAMPAX AND MAXI PADS.
- BABY WIPES AND ACTIVITY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.
- CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, BOXED FOODS, SUGAR.
- GIFT CARDS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

Thank you in advance for what you will do for our ladies and their futures.

OLA Committee



Ships Store 4TH OF JULY and



Christmas
in July

SALE



Purchase Blanket w/MCLA Logo for \$17 and get an Ornament for \$2.50



Purchase a 10 pack of Note Cards for \$15 and get Post-It Notes FREE

Bundling Opportunity



Purchase a MCLA Cell Phone ID Pocket, Data Protector Sleeve and RFID Wallet Case—
All three for \$9.00



Purchase a Pad Folio and a String Bag w/Logo and get both for \$12.00



Purchase Continental Tie, MCLA Lanyard, and Motto Magnet—All three for \$10.00

TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY OF YOUR ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT ORDER FORMS BY EMAIL. OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL VALIDATE THE ORDERS AND CONTACT YOU TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.

On behalf of the Ships Store Crew -Thank you for your participation in our Summer Sales. Please visit us in Springfield, IL at National Convention.
Debbby, Judy, and Mitzy — your SHIPS STORE CREW.

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Have MCLA Questions? Or Concerns?



Our National Newsletter will have a new section in the coming months for questions. Questions will be referred to the appropriate officer or officers. Each month only five questions will be addressed. Members can send their questions to MCLA-Newsletters@nationalmcla.org.

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.

How does your unit:

- **Attract members?**
- **Announce events?**
- **Celebrate milestones?**

Share your information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...

We want to hear from you!

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