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National President Linda Chamberlain



Ladies

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Department of Louisiana on becoming the newest Marine Corps League Auxiliary Department on June 8, 2024. I not only had the privilege of presenting this amazing group of ladies their charter but was honored to also install their first slate of officers. Thank you to Southeast Division Vice Becky Marcel for making this happen and to all of the ladies for their patience during the charter process, great things do not happen overnight. I want to also thank everyone for allowing a girl from the north to experience some southern hospitality.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the Department of Pennsylvania for having me as their Auxiliary "guest." (Yes, I know this is my home Department). Senior Vice Sanning was there also, and I think she will agree it was a good, informative meeting with a lot of laughs and a few tears.





National President (Con't)

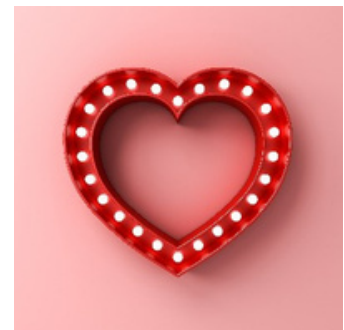
Ladies, this my final newsletter as YOUR National President. I would like to sincerely thank my officers. We worked as a team, not always agreeing, but being able to look at all sides of a problem or a situation and addressing the issue and solving the problem. To my Chief of Staff, PNP Moyse, thank you for your guidance and for being my sounding board, listening to my ideas and frustrations. To you, the members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, thank you for the faith and confidence you placed in me to lead our wonderful organization for the past two years. I hope I have lived up to the challenge. My journeys visiting with some of you were highlights, and the memories will remain with me for a long time to come. Last, but surely not least, our National Secretary, Ramona, made my job easier than you can imagine. I never worried about the little things because I knew she had them taken care of. Thank you, Ramona, from the bottom of my heart.

God bless and keep all of you in his care and, until next time, stay safe.

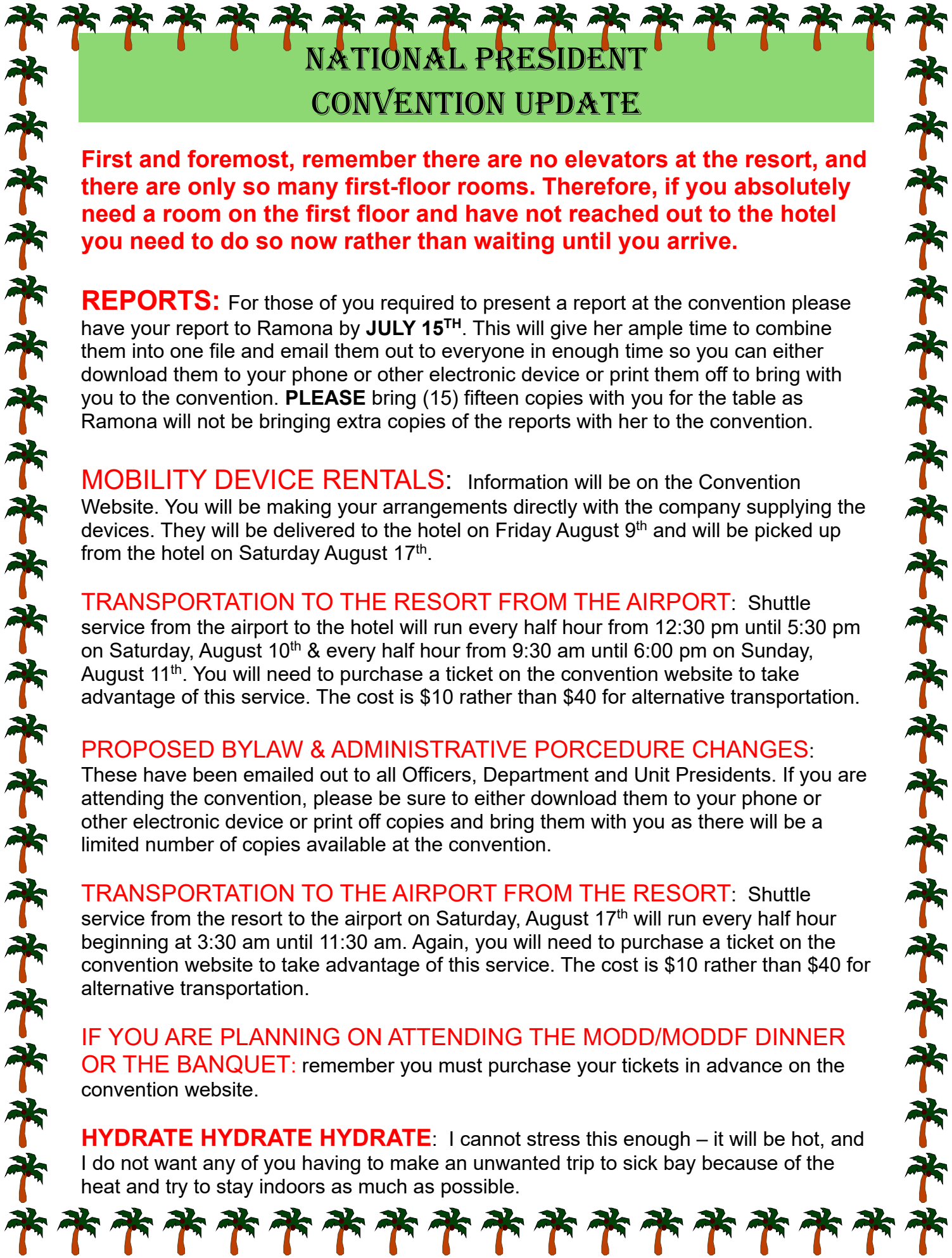
P.S. Look for a Convention update further along in this newsletter.

Semper Fidelis,

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We may not have it all together, but together we have it all, and together we can make anything happen.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT CONVENTION UPDATE

First and foremost, remember there are no elevators at the resort, and there are only so many first-floor rooms. Therefore, if you absolutely need a room on the first floor and have not reached out to the hotel you need to do so now rather than waiting until you arrive.

REPORTS: For those of you required to present a report at the convention please have your report to Ramona by **JULY 15TH**. This will give her ample time to combine them into one file and email them out to everyone in enough time so you can either download them to your phone or other electronic device or print them off to bring with you to the convention. **PLEASE** bring (15) fifteen copies with you for the table as Ramona will not be bringing extra copies of the reports with her to the convention.

MOBILITY DEVICE RENTALS: Information will be on the Convention Website. You will be making your arrangements directly with the company supplying the devices. They will be delivered to the hotel on Friday August 9th and will be picked up from the hotel on Saturday August 17th.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE RESORT FROM THE AIRPORT: Shuttle service from the airport to the hotel will run every half hour from 12:30 pm until 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 10th & every half hour from 9:30 am until 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 11th. You will need to purchase a ticket on the convention website to take advantage of this service. The cost is \$10 rather than \$40 for alternative transportation.

PROPOSED BYLAW & ADMINISTRATIVE PORCEDURE CHANGES: These have been emailed out to all Officers, Department and Unit Presidents. If you are attending the convention, please be sure to either download them to your phone or other electronic device or print off copies and bring them with you as there will be a limited number of copies available at the convention.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT FROM THE RESORT: Shuttle service from the resort to the airport on Saturday, August 17th will run every half hour beginning at 3:30 am until 11:30 am. Again, you will need to purchase a ticket on the convention website to take advantage of this service. The cost is \$10 rather than \$40 for alternative transportation.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE MODD/MODDF DINNER OR THE BANQUET: remember you must purchase your tickets in advance on the convention website.

HYDRATE HYDRATE HYDRATE: I cannot stress this enough – it will be hot, and I do not want any of you having to make an unwanted trip to sick bay because of the heat and try to stay indoors as much as possible.



From Ramona's Desk:

Hello Ladies,

The office will be closed 3-11 July and again 22-25 July. I will be checking emails during these dates and will respond accordingly. If you have any urgent matters, please indicate as such in the subject line of your email.



The last day to send in Ship Store orders is Friday July 12th to ensure we can complete inventory and pack-out for National Convention.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Palm Springs where you get to check out all our new items.

Ramona Smith



Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon at National Convention in Palm Springs.

The theme of my scratch will be 'Slumber Party'. Bring your pj's and get ready for a really fun time.

I do have to remind everyone however please no "Baby Doll", see through or risqué jammies let's keep it G - PG rated.

Thank you, ladies. I'll be seeing you in Palm Springs.

**Your Madam Big Flea,
Vickie Brown**

Let Freedom Ring!

I hope you were able to participate in an Independence Day celebration with family and friends. By the time you read this month's newsletter, our unit members will have walked or rode in our city's Independence Day parade. We will also be setting up an information/recruiting booth with our detachment. I am so grateful to the convention body last year that voted to allow us to wear capris in warmer weather along with an MCLA logo shirt and cover as a uniform because it is going to be HOT!

At our Mid-Winter Staff Conference, I declared my intention to run for the office of National President. I have enjoyed the last two years serving as your National Senior Vice President and have been fortunate to attend several conferences and conventions that my husband, the Chief Devil Dog, had been invited to. What a joy it has been to travel and meet other Auxiliary members as well as talk with ladies (and League members) who were interested in starting a unit in their area.

If I am elected, I will certainly need all hands-on deck to continue the good work that we have been accomplishing across the country. For this reason, in our April Newsletter I requested those interested in taking a position on a committee to get in touch with me and have received a few offers. I am honored to have some of the ladies continuing to give their time to a committee they have already served on. However, there are still open spots on my proposed roster that I would like to fill.

To our Division Vice Presidents - our bylaws state that you are to forward the name of one member of your division to the incoming president for committee consideration. Typically, one who plans to attend the next National Convention. Please include her full name, current address, telephone number and email address. Remember, many hands make light work.

To all Members and Members-at-Large - If you are planning to attend the National Convention next year in Texas, you may have an opportunity to serve as a committee chairperson. If you are unable to attend this year's convention, you can still be appointed as a committee member and perhaps you will be able to attend the National Convention next year as a committee chairperson. Please submit your information and which committee you are interested in. Ladies, serving on a committee is not difficult, and can give you a closeup look at all the activities our sisters across the nation are involved in. Utilizing FaceTime, Zoom or other platforms, committee members can meet throughout the year to complete their tasks.

Speaking of those alternate forms of communication, they are also a wonderful tool that you can use to contact all your unit members that you have not seen for a while. Or the Members-at-Large in your state that you only get to see once a year at your Department Convention. Hmmm, perhaps it is time to dust off and update the once used unit phone tree and connect with others. Have you considered having a unit picnic potluck? A couple of members could offer to chauffeur those ladies that can no longer drive, you could picnic in the park (or an indoor place with air conditioning), and simply have a meal together and renew friendships that is not a meeting.

This August, I would appreciate your vote for President and if elected, will serve loyally and faithfully.

California, Here We Come!

Dotty Sanning
National Senior Vice President



As I look at the calendar, I cannot believe we are already looking at the end of June, summer just arrived in Michigan this week with warm temperatures.

I want to take this opportunity to brag about your Division Vice Presidents and Assistants and let you know how much these ladies do for you by continuing to attend zoom classes to learn and understand processes needed to assist you in questions you may have.

If you are like me, as a member of a Unit I didn't understand what was involved in a Division Vice President or Assistant position. In the MCL and MCLA world, the U.S. is divided up into ten divisions. Each division has a Division Vice President and Assistant position that are part of the National Board of Trustees.

The Division VP and Assistant are there to bridge the gap between National and the Departments and Units. Once a year, they hold a conference where they provide valuable training and create brainstorming sessions for the members of their division. This conference is open to everyone, not just your officers of the Units or Departments.

They are also responsible for attending the National Convention in August and the Mid-Winter Conference where they are an important part of the National Board of Trustees.

As part of any organization there are always things to learn about how it operates and to learn the things that are required. During this past year, your division officers have had the opportunity to continue their learning by attending several zoom classes. These ladies have learned about the proper way to apply for a new charter and the requirements which are put in place by the government to operate as a 501(c) 4 as a non-profit. They have also learned how to search for filings of the EIN numbers and Incorporations status. And finally, they learned how to close a Unit properly and what needs to be done to notify the government entities of the closure. Your ladies have done this training to help assist you with the questions that you may have and to be able to guide you through the processes. As we all know, not all answers are straight forward, so they understand that if they have questions, they also have resources available to them.

Your ladies have accepted this challenge and their desire to help is truly a gift to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. I am truly appreciative and proud of these ladies for the desire to learn, share, educate and lead!

Your ladies have become MY ladies and I value the friendships which we have created in the past two years. It has been my honor to serve you.

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief



Hard to believe that National Convention is at hand already. I am so excited to see my Auxiliary sisters face-to-face! We will have important business to attend to, one of these being the vote on proposed Bylaw and Administrative Procedures. If they do not already have them, your Unit Presidents should soon receive a copy of the proposed changes. Please share and discuss these proposed changes with your Units. It is important that your delegates know how your Units wish them to vote or can answer any question about why these changes have been proposed.



When you hear the term “Chain of Command,” what comes to mind? To me it means the chain of help and mentoring. If you have a question at the Unit level, **YOU** can and should ask your Unit President to direct you to the right person. This might be reading some Bylaws or Administrative Procedures, or having a conversation with another Unit member. If neither your President, Judge Advocate, nor another member of your Unit is able to help, then you would go the Department level and ask for assistance from the Dept. President. The levels advance in this order: **YOU** <> Unit < > Department <> Division <> National.

YOU are a very important part of this organization, but the “Chain of Command” needs to be followed for the betterment of all involved in any question. If your Unit does not have a Department, then the next level above the Unit is the Division Vice President. It is also very IMPORTANT that National and Division Officers follow the same protocol.

Please do not be afraid to ask questions. All questions are important to mentoring and learning, but following the “Chain of Command” is vital to keep information flowing to all involved.

Semper Fidelis

Darlene MacCubbin



Service at the VA Medical Centers is vital to continue to serve Veterans. The VA Mission to fulfill President Lincoln's promise – "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan" – **by serving and honoring the men and women who are American 's Veterans.** We can and are a part of serving by volunteering for the many facets of the opportunities at the Veteran Medical Care Centers & Clinics across this great nation.

My thanks to the Auxiliary Members who serve as MCLA Representatives and Deputies. They are the key to keeping us informed of the various opportunities of service and needs at the hospitals & clinics. These individuals are required to attend quarterly meetings and complete a joint annual review. They are recommended by their Unit or Department President and appointer by the National Representative to the Center of Development and Civic Engagement office of the VA. The good news is that the VA Centers are open to bring back the much-needed volunteers. Your Representatives and Deputies hold the key to what is available in your area.

If your VA Hospital does not have a Representative or Deputy, please recruit these valued individuals and fill out Enclosure #35, send email (evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com).

The Volunteer opportunities for VAVS / CDCE are varied depending on the Medical Center or Clinic. Ambassadors Escorts Transport Veterans, Golf Cart Drivers, Clinic Services Assistance with telephone calls, Reading to Veterans, Clinic Adm Support, Kiosk Support, Creative Arts, Exercise and Dance, are just a few. There are many events that need volunteers for special events throughout the year.

To the MCLA current Representatives: the VA Committee needs your current information. In recent years the tracking for the VA as well as our committee are not complete. Donna Rae Smith & I would like to update our records.

The vast rewards of serving these veterans are a privilege and joy. Smiles from the Veterans are a wonderful sight.

You can Make a difference. Volunteer at your local VA!

Please remember your VAVS Committee Reports. We look forward to reporting all your wonderful work.

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn Jeppa, National Representative

Donna Rae Smith, National Deputy Representative

MCLA Ship Store

National Convention Edition

NEW MCLA LANTERN!

\$30



NEW JEWELRY!

Necklace, Earrings, or Bracelets
- \$20 each

WOODEN SPOON - \$12



LUGGAGE TAGS
\$8

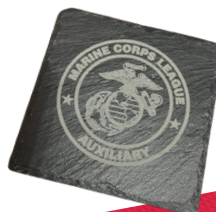


DICE CUP SET



\$25

SLATE
COASTER - \$6
OR 4 FOR \$20



MCLA Ship Store



**SMALL CUTTING BOARD - \$12;
W/ CHEESE SPREADER - \$14**



POLO SHIRTS - \$32



CHOCOLATES

- 2 PC - \$6.25
- 5 PC - \$16
- TWIX - \$8.50



CARD/DICE SET - \$25



**7" ROUND CORK TRIVET -
EGA OR MCLA - \$12**



**BOTTLE OPENER
KEYRING - \$8**



**PASSPORT HOLDER
\$16**



INSPIRATION



The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is proud of all our members and Units. This month we celebrated the Department of Pennsylvania during their convention, as well as the Department of Louisiana during the occasion of their Charter Presentation and Signing.



National Chaplain

PNP Barbara Nobile



JUNE WILSON

May 2024 - James Earl Kennedy Unit, NJ
Condolences may be sent to her father, MCL member Bill Wilson,
201 Charing Way, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

We extend our deepest condolences to PNP Marilyn Loeven and family. Lew passed away at a rehab facility after a long illness. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at- 3556 Raven Street, Levittown, NY 11756. At this time Marilyn is in a rehab facility as well. Please send her greetings of love. Marilyn is a member of the North Shore Queens Unit in NY.

Dorcas Simpson, Big D MCLA member, lost her husband George. Cards of condolence for this lovely lady may be mailed to - 11474 Chapel Road, Lorena, TX 76655.

Jimmy the Squid, Jim Hackbarth, has been diagnosed with incurable cancer. Please keep Rogene and Jimmy in your thoughts and prayers. 3345 Lazy Acres Lane, The Villages, FL 32163.

HPNP Lynne Laberge had surgery to relieve pain so she can be free to move more freely. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at - 9636 SW 25th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73128.

I will be working on the final roll call for National convention in late July. Please check your unit and Dept records to insure I have all the names you wish on the scroll. This will be my final roll and final National Memorial service. I wish to do you all proud for all the years you have supported this office of National Chaplain.

FATHER, CREATOR OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR SUMMER. THANK YOU FOR THE WARMTH OF THE SUN AND THE INCREASED DAYLIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTY I SEE ALL AROUND ME AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OUTSIDE AND ENJOY YOUR CREATION. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO BE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PNP Barbara Nobile



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