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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies!

"Clear vision leads to strength and growth." This is a new motto that I introduced at the Mid-Winter. This Conference allows us to gather and praise the work accomplished by the members throughout the Units, Departments and Divisions. We gain important information on where the Auxiliary stands in accomplishing our goals and objectives.

PNP Gerri Tuohy, budget chair, reported that we are right on track. These words are only part of the picture. This means we are spending the Auxiliary money wisely and paying attention to the details.

Despite the issues Covid presented, we continue to grow. The awarding of a new Charter is always an exciting process which is a great example of "Clear vision leading to strength and growth." We presented a new Charter to Doris Bujanowski Mideast Division VP and the two other members present for the Patuxent River MCLA Unit in California, MD.

Pictured:

*New Members: Dotty Sanning,
Patricia Smith, Doris Bujanowski
Mideast VP Presenting: Evelyn
Joppa. Happy time for Dotty as
Patricia is her sister*



The Auxiliary has not had a Division Vice President in the Southwest Division for several years. With approval of the Board, I have appointed Pauline Forsell as Southwest Division Vice President. She has recently moved from Florida to Prescott. AZ.

National President continued

The Southwest Division consists of the following states: Arizona, California, Nevada, and Hawaii. This Division has only one Auxiliary which is the Lake Havasu City Unit that has 50+ members. This unit continues to do extraordinary work. Pauline's vision is to start a Unit in or near Prescott. Because of her enthusiasm, and with the assistance of the Auxiliary and League members of Arizona, we envision this will jump start the Southwest Division.



This most incredible, amazing treasure was found and presented during the Mid-Winter Staff Conference 2022. The beautiful National Headquarters banner was handmade by Past National President Colleen Lumsden (1995)

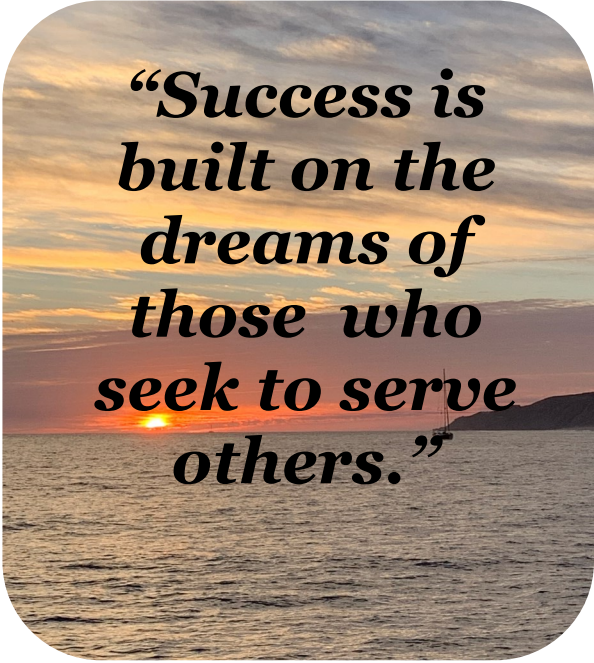
Pictured are Mary Brief National JA, PNP Gerri Tuohy and Rogene Hackbarth National Guard.

Lynn LaBerge, our convention secretary of 40 years, could not make it to Mid-Winter due to the weather in her new home state of Oklahoma. She was missed, as were many others, who had difficulties with travel to Norfolk, VA.

Our National Secretary, Ramona Smith, was a welcome addition to our conference this year. In addition to getting acquainted with our members and unloading all the supplies for the ships store, she filled the position of Convention Secretary. She completed her tasks with enthusiasm, all while adding a smile and laughter.

**To the many members who
could not be present rest assured
you were missed!**

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B. Joppa
National President



***“Success is
built on the
dreams of
those who
seek to serve
others.”***

SR Vice President **HAPPY SAINT PATTY'S DAY**

Linda Chamberlain

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It was so nice to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference and, although most of us saw each other at the National Convention in Springfield, this was so much better than the virtual Mid-Winter Conference last year, which was good, but it is always much better to do these meetings in person. I always think of Mid-Winter as the few weeks between the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring.

What a good conference! We had fun, but we were also serious and conducted our business in a professional and timely manner. Those of you who were unable to attend were sorely missed. Thank you, Madam President, for making our time together informative and productive.

I told you in the January and February newsletters that my topic for the Department Presidents' Council would be, "How COVID has affected your unit/department and how can we overcome the challenges of COVID in 2022?" However, rather than continuing to beat the already dead COVID horse, I changed my topic to "STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE," a topic I thought would be more helpful, since getting members to fill chairs seems to be an issue facing us these days on all levels. This was not a problem when I first joined this wonderful organization, as people were willing to fill the offices, but today – not so much. So, thank you for allowing me to invoke my prerogative to change my mind and go with a different topic.

During the conference I also presented what I will call a semi-annual 990/EIN report. Ladies, we are doing okay, but can do better. We still have units with revoked EIN numbers that I believe have not attempted to apply for a new number, as well as several units and a few departments that have not filed their 990s for 2020. By the time I prepare the report for the National Convention in August, I hope all units and departments will have filed their 2020 990s. The Division Vice-Presidents and their Assistants were given Division-specific reports enabling them to know how compliant the units and departments are in their respective Divisions. There are still issues getting units on the parent list. Ramona and I are continuing to work with MCL Executive Director/COO Bob Borka to make this happen. Unfortunately, the IRS isn't always the easiest group to work with but, rest assured, we are doing our best.

Finally, the Mid-Winter Conference is the time when we state our intention to seek the nomination for a new office. For those of you who were not present, I'll take this opportunity to let you know that I stated my intention to seek the nomination for the office of National President. The election will be held at the 2022 National Convention in Daytona Beach, FL.

Ladies, by the time I write my next article, hopefully the daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths and tulips in my garden will be popping up, if not in bloom, and the nasty weather we have experienced over the past several months will be like the tail-lights in the rear-view mirror... GONE. Have a great month and, until next time, be well and stay safe!

Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain *National Senior Vice Pres*

JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

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What an amazing Mid-Winter Staff Conference - seeing friends and sisters, plus making new friends. It always warms my heart to hear what other units and departments are doing across our great country. Speaking of warmth, I absolutely LOVE the new vests in the Ships Store that were displayed for us at the Conference!

Subsequently, for those that were unable to attend please allow me to extend congratulations to those units and departments that achieved 100% or more membership status by the deadline of December 31, 2021:

New Jersey – James Earl Kennedy, Salem County, Semper Fidelis, West Hudson

Pennsylvania – All Divisions, Coal Cracker, Keystone Headquarters, Lancaster County, North Eastern, Susquehanna Valley, Upper Darby

Florida – Jack Ivy, Riverview #1226, Sgt Maj Michael S. Curtin, The Villages, MAL of Florida

Mississippi – Jerry Wentworth

Tennessee – Stones River

South Carolina – Lewis G Watkins, Holy City

Louisiana – Norma A Liner

Iowa – Hamilton Walters, Larry Behring

Minnesota – Forrest G. James, North Star

Missouri – Lake of the Ozarks, Southwest Missouri

Illinois – Alton Leathernecks, Burbank, DeKalb Sycamore, Illinois Valley, McHenry County

Ohio – Land of Legend

Kentucky – Kentuckiana

Michigan – Downriver, Edson Kline Van Slyke, Macomb County, Sgt GP Porta-Motor City

Wisconsin – Winnebago, Wisconsin Globe and Anchor

Vermont – Brattleboro 798

Maine – MCLA Auxiliary 501

Washington – Columbia River



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Arizona – Lake Havasu City

Colorado – Rocky Mountain Diamonds, Thunder Mountain, Windsor Marines

Utah – Cpl James L Anderson, Pfc Boyd A Lewis

Texas – Big D, Coastal Bend, Heart of Texas

This achievement is reached by maintaining or increasing your membership numbers and having all transmittals turned in by the December deadline. Although some units may have turned them in after the deadline, they will still receive their delegate votes for the National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. In any event, if you believe that your unit should be on this list for reaching 100% membership status, please go up your chain of command to verify your numbers. The chain of command is extremely important and helpful to use when you have a questions or simply seek clarity on an item. At the Mid-Winter Staff Conference the elected officers and board of trustees stated their intentions for positions in the next year. I stated I would be seeking the position of National Senior Vice President and would appreciate your vote.

Finally, you may remember my New Year's resolution in the January newsletter was to try a lobster roll at every conference and convention site. Sadly, I was not able to locate one in Norfolk, Virginia. Another auxiliary sister, however, was able to obtain one and she loved it! I am looking for recommendations in Daytona Beach.

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

OLA had a new banner and very happy winners!

Renee McQuan and Darlene MacCubbin
show off their treasures!



National Judge Advocate Mary Brief

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Why is following the Ritual important?

TRUE STORY: There was an American Legion that operated for years with the same trusted Treasurer. They neglected to perform regular audits and after a few years they thought something seemed wrong and they had the books audited. It was uncovered that he stole \$175,000 from his Legion.

The Legion sued him for the money that was taken. The verdict was that he did NOT have to repay the money. Why was this? The monthly minutes reflected that the membership accepted the treasury report; therefore, they were aware of the constant balance, hence there is no recourse that could be taken.

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary has given you the solution to avoid this scenario in the procedure of the Ritual. The wordage that the President says, "You have heard the treasurer report and it will be filed for audit" is your safety net, ONLY if it is recorded in the minutes as such.

The lesson we can take for this is to make sure the secretary places that statement in the minutes each month and to follow the by-laws in performing your treasury audits.

Semper Fidelis, *Mary Brief*
National Judge Advocate



"They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world:
someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for."—

Tom Bodett

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS

**'CHANGE THE WORLD, CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND EARN THE
MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN GIRL SCOUTS'**

Is this not for what we want to see these young ladies strive? They are our leadership for tomorrow!

We are coming up on the time of year when the Girl Scouts finish their 2021-2022 session and are preparing for their award presentations. Please take time to reach out to the Girl Scout Assoc. in your area to get the date of the Gold Awards presentation. You can then prepare to have your certificates ordered and be prepared to submit them to their local leadership.

One extra comment, it is always a nice gesture to attend their ceremonies.

Semper Fi and God's Blessings— Leona Rowley

National Girl Scout Chairperson



Operation Little Angel



OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL 2022 MIDWINTER PROJECT

We had a wonderful fun night on Friday Night the 25th of February at Midwinter making 14 tied blankets for St Mary's Home, Our OLA choice for this Midwinter.

The MCLA members gathered for treats, blanket making and a thrilling auction for OLA, The ladies had a great time OUT bidding one another for some very nice items.

When all was said and done, we raised \$576.00 for OLA in one night,

Thank you to Mary Brief for the idea, Madame President Evelyn for getting us going and the OLA committee for the auction gifts and treats.

PNP Nobile, OLA Chair



National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
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I PRAY THAT YOU'LL CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND EVERY DAY AFTER DAY AFTER THAT. PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID. John 14: 27.

LOUSE KE REED- 1/21/2022 McHENRY UNIT- Illinois- Condolences to Gary Reed- 308 Starwood Pass, Lake In the Hills, Ill.

PAULINE ROBERTS- 12/08/2021 - SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY UNIT, PA.

DARLENE MOROSS- 2/27/2022 FLINT UNIT-, MICHIGAN- CONDOLENCES TO- Michael Moross, PO Box 182 Tekonsha, MI, 49092-0812.

MARGARET "Meg" KREBS- 2/09/2022 Thunder Mountain Unit, CO, Condolences to – Fred Krebs, 1840 South Steele Street, Denver, CO. 80210.

LOIS SPENCER- 1/24/2022 West Central Leathernecks Unit, IL. Condolences to her brother, Richard Matthews, 923 Freedman, Jacksonville IL. 62650.

DOROTHY BERTRAND 2/08/2022 – Mason O Yarbrough Unit, MO. Condolences to, Mike Bertrand and family, 1245 Marilyn Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Marilyn Kitchen New- Dept of Missouri had knee replacement surgery. Cheerful greetings may be sent to her at-53 Muirfield point Court, Saint Charles, MO 63304.

Donna Rae Smith, Dept of Colorado needs our prayers for her son and dad. 7620 Independence Ct. Colorado Springs, CO 80920-3704

Barb Shearer, Dept of Colorado has blood cancer and could use our encouraging prayers. 7560 Stuart St. Westminster, CO. 80030-4745.

Mary Lou Webb husband, Bill was hospitalized with pneumonia, Address for cards- 2709 E Madison Street, Springfield, MO 65802- Mary Lou is a member of the Dept of Missouri as is her Marine.

Southwest Missouri Unit members needing our prayers- Donna Cole's mother, Viola Brink Passed away on late February, cards of condolence go to Donna at- 5557 S Stonegate Ave. Springfield, MO 65810-2538.

Nancy Lorenz fell and broke her hip while helping her husband Fred bring in groceries. Cards of cheer may be mailed to- 287 W Thislewood Drive, Springfield, MO 65803-7402

National Chaplain

continued

Shanelle Long's husband, Don is suffering dementia. Cards for them go to, 1830 Hill haven road, Hollister, MO. 65672-5132.

Linda Lorraine had surgery on Feb. 2 to replace her right hip. She is doing well but not able to drive yet. Cards of cheer for her go to- 13151 W State Highway, Ash Grove, MO 65604-8224.

Central Missouri Unit member, Sandy Cole is in need of our prayers as she has been diagnosed with a serious illness, Cards for Sandy go to 210 Grace Lane, Holts Summit, MO 65043-4200

There are many of our members who need our prayers who suffer in silence. Offer a prayer for them please.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, PNP BARBARA NOBILE

Headquarters Project

"Count Your Blessings"

TOTAL July 1st to Present: \$ 806.00

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

Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee



FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Happy almost Spring! What a pleasure it was to finally meet so many of our wonderful members during the Mid-winter Conference! It was an incredible learning experience that helps me better understand how to support you best. The office will be closed from 14 March through 18 March if you have any questions or concerns please direct them to our National President Evelyn Joppa during this time. In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, I leave you with an Irish proverb:



If you're Irish, it doesn't matter where you go - you find family. "For the whole world is Irish on the 17th O' March!" May your troubles be less. And your blessings be more. And may nothing but happiness come through your door. Happy St. Paddy's Day!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO VISIT THE SHIPS STORE AT THIS YEAR'S MID-WINTER CONFERENCE IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

WE HOPE YOU LIKED THE NEW ITEMS WE HAD ON DISPLAY AND WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE OUR SELECTION FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.



**POLO SHIRT \$31.00
ALL SIZES**



**VEST (S-XL) \$40.00
(2XL-4XL) \$45.00**



**NOTEPAD & PEN
w/MCLA Logo \$5.00**

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR INVENTORY MOVING CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER FOR THE SHIPS STORE IN APRIL. WE WILL BE HAVING SOME SPECIAL SALES EACH MONTH UNTIL OUR CONVENTION IN AUGUST.



**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT
JUDY, DEBBY, MITZY AND PATTI
SHIPS STORE CREW**

IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCURACY 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.

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