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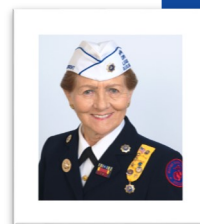
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Well according to the calendar, it is Spring. Tell that to our northern states. Mother Nature dropped 47 inches of snow in Pony, Montana recently in 24 hours. It appears spring will be late except in Florida where we have sunshine and 80 degrees.



April 7-10th I had the opportunity to attend the Florida Spring Conference held at Safety Harbor, Florida. Southeast Division VP Lynn Cortright joined us and added great ideas for recruiting. Pauline Forsell, Southwest Division VP was in attendance as the Department Jr. Vice adding more useful information. The Department officers did a good job providing information and fun activities for all in attendance. The Morris Dixon Unit sponsored an Operation Little Angel project to benefit the 55 Veteran Expecting Mothers at the VA Bay Pines Health Care System.

I will be joining Debby Krueger MCLA VAVS Representative and several of the Colorado MCLA members at the 76th Annual VA National Advisory Council (NAC) Meeting in Denver April 27-29. There have been many changes to the VA (CDCE) and it is important to see how this affects this part of the VA system. There is always a wealth of information available on how best to assist the VAVS staff, tracking your hours and so much more.

In the next couple of months most of you will be attending your Division Conferences and/or Department Conventions. As you do, please be sure to encourage the

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members to attend the National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. It is the best opportunity to have your voice heard and be an active part of the decision-making process.

There are several whispers of new units that will be coming on board soon! It is exciting to see our members working to encourage the growth of new units. Plus, there is much work being done in the background to assist existing units who are struggling to stay afloat. If your unit needs help reach out to the Department and /or the Division Vice President. They are ready and equipped to help. Our success is dependent on strong units across this great nation working together to assist each other.

We continue to see efforts by the Marine Corps League members to assist in getting the word out to their members about the benefits of the Auxiliary. Thank you, Marines.

To all the Auxiliary Unit members, thank you for all that you do to support the League and strengthen the Auxiliary and providing much assistance to the active-duty service men and women, veterans, their families, and the communities.

Memorial Day is to remember those service men & women who gave all for our freedom! May their efforts forever be remembered!

Finally, let us be ever mindful of the needs of our members and their families. Many hardships and losses have occurred and continue to happen beyond our control. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B. Joppa
National President

FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Wow! It is hard to believe it is already May.

I hope you enjoy the warmer weather coming our way.

A reminder: Bond Forms and Election of Officer's Reports need to be filed with the HQs annually.

There are many important events this month; join us in celebrating the service and sacrifice of our Service Members and all our wonderful Mothers out there celebrating Mother's Day!

Ramona's Smith
National Secretary



SR Vice President

Linda Chamberlain

NationalSrVP@nationalmcla.org

Well, if what they say is true that April showers bring May flowers, I should have a lovely garden this year. Since it is May, I would like to dedicate my article this month to all of us women, and as you read it, I am sure you will see yourself or someone you know.

One Flaw in Women

Women have strength that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without so their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They drive, fly, walk, run or email you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideas. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMAN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.

I have not read that in a very long time, and as I reread it, I saw my mother and grandmother, as well as my sisters, many friends, and, yes, of course – myself. To all of you moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, and those of you were like or are like a mom to someone, never forget your worth – you are an awesome person.

In closing, I would like to share this poem my sister shared after our mother passed away. Even though it will be 11 years in June, it seems like yesterday.



*If roses grow in heaven, Lord, pick a bunch for me;
Place them in my mother's arm and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her, and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while;
Because remembering her is easy; I do it every day.
There's an ache within my heart that will never go away.
In memory of my mother...*

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, thank you for allowing me to honor all of the moms, grandmas, stepmoms and those who are like a mom to someone.

Happy Mother's Day
Semper Fidelis,

Linda S. Chamberlain

National Senior Vice Pres



Operation Little Angel

AUGUST 2022

Please go to www.mybeaconcenter.com and learn all about the Beacon Center in Daytona Beach, the site for the OLA gifts this summer.

Beacon Center is a domestic Violence project with 60 beds as well as other services.

Updated wish list below- (do not use the one on line)

Umbrellas- all size ladies undies- socks, sunscreen- all female products- twin sheets and bedding- wash clothes, dish towels, laundry and dish soap- paper products, (paper towels, tp, paper plates and napkins, paper cups) food and garbage bags.

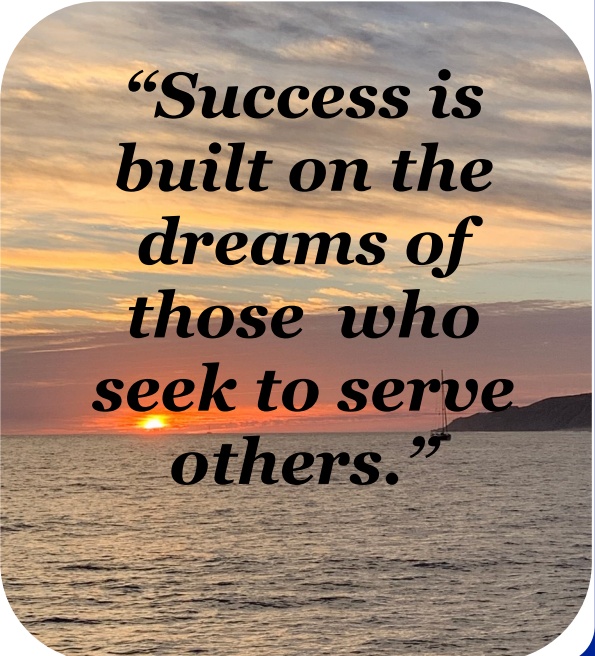
Beacon Center knows all too well the toll domestic violence takes on the children. One of the many projects and programs they provide is called Hugs and Love.

I know our ladies will as always be generous in their donations.

Gift cards are always welcome.

We will have lovely items on the raffle table as well.

**Our love, the OLA Committee,
Barb, Tracey, Darlene,
Teena and Dorcas.**

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. Overlaid on this image is a quote in a bold, black, serif font.

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



Convention Location: _____ Date: _____

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ENCLOSURE #1



Banner Form



We will be bringing our Unit/Department Banner to the National Convention.

Please reserve a commemorative streamer for us.

Unit or Department Name

Contact Person

Address

Home Telephone Number

Email Address

Please PRINT all information and return this form by July 1st, to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
National Headquarters
P.O. BOX 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

JR Vice President
Dotty Sanning
NationalJrVP@nationalmcla.org

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, near and far.

I hope all of our members are having a wonderful spring season. Of course, springtime is when we install new officers for our Units and Departments. Remember, ladies, that when you take one of these positions, you also take an oath to do all in your power to assist and support all of the officers. It is always a joy to share our passion with our sisters whether you hold a leadership position as an officer or not.

Recently, I was honored to be invited to participate in the presentation of a charter, member initiation and installation of officers for Pax River Unit MCLA, a brand new unit in Maryland. In addition, I was also invited to install the officers of the St. Charles Unit in Missouri. I find it inspiring when provided the opportunity to install officers and share in a unit's passion firsthand.

Last month I sent out cards to our valued Members-at-Large who had not turned in their dues for this current year. If you have not received one from me please contact Ramona at our National Headquarters to make sure we have your current address. Equally important, I am always on the lookout for occasions to reconnect MALs back with a unit in their area. Although we do have some Departments that frequently connect with the MALs in their areas there are many, many women that could benefit from a telephone call or a letter. Division Vice Presidents have information on the MALs in their Divisions and I am sure that they would be glad to pass the information on to their respective Departments.

From the book *Live and Learn and Pass It On*, "I've learned that no matter how long it is between visits, when I see my sisters it's like it has only been a week, not years."

While life does send us in many different directions I continually look forward to those times when our paths converge and we are, once again, brought together at our meetings, conferences and conventions.

Hope to see you all very soon!

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning
National Junior Vice President

Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas



NATIONAL FLEA SCRATCH INVITATION

FLEAS- JOIN US FOR THE MAD HATTER FLEA PARTY,
AUGUST 17TH (TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MEETING AS WELL AS THE ROOM)

GET YOUR GLUE GUNS LOADED UP.

THE KENTUCKY DERBY HAS THEIR FANCY HATS—
LET'S SHOW DAYTONA BEACH HOW THE FLEAS DO IT.

CREATE A FUN HAT AND WEAR TO THE SUPREME
SCRATCH. WE WILL HAVE CONTESTS AND GAMES.

THE DAYTONA FLEA RACE TRACK WILL BE LOOKING
FORWARD TO YOUR CREATIONS, AND WANNA BE
FLEAS, COME PREPARED TO CREATE A HAT WITH FLEA
DRILL INSTRUCTOR DOTTIE.



Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas

Looking for the next Flea of the Year

It was a great honor to be designated the Flea of the Year at the 2021 National Convention in Springfield. The Fleas are a dedicated and fun group committed to camaraderie and service to our veterans and our communities.

The 2022 Flea of the Year could be from YOUR Hide! Who has gone above and beyond to further the noble purposes of the Military Order of Devil Dog Fleas?

Your nominee must...

- ♦ have done volunteer work in the community
- ♦ have promoted Flea membership
- ♦ have promoted fun and frivolity with the Devil Dogs
- ♦ have promoted harmony and good will within the Hide
- ♦ be a ready and willing volunteer
- ♦ not be self-seeking
- ♦ have a team spirit
- ♦ attend the National Flea Scratch in Daytona Beach



If someone in your Hide meets these criteria, send me an email at marti.kline@gmail.com with information about your nominee and why you think she deserves to be the 2022 Flea of the Year.

The past seven Fleas of the Year will choose the recipient from among your great nominees. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2022.

Thanks – and keep pinching!!

Marti Kline, Hawk Hide (Dept. of Iowa)

2021 Flea of the Year - MODD Fleas

marti.kline@gmail.com

National Judge Advocate Mary Brief NationalJA@nationalmcla.org

Memorial Day commemorates the lives lost in battle and in remembrance, Americans began holding tributes each spring during the late 1860's. They would decorate the graves of those who had died with flowers, leading to the day being referred to as Decoration Day. This day was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War Soldiers by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation". Over 100 yrs. later in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

These two events give us the opportunity to proudly display the respect we carry in our hearts for our Veterans and our Flag. Many communities hold special parades and ceremonies for these celebrations. There are times when we are to salute and times to cover our heart with our hand, and this can be especially confusing for newer members, visitors, or members who have been absent at functions.

Our Ritual outlines the appropriate actions:

(a) Hand Salute- Raise the right hand until tip of forefinger touches the lower part of forehead above the right eye, thumb and fingers extended and joined, arm and elbow in line with shoulder, hand and wrist straight, drop the arm quickly to the side in a snappy military salute.

(b) Heart Salute – Raise right hand, place flat over heart, fingers together; drop quickly as above.

(c) During the ceremony of hoisting and lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in parade or review or when Colors are posted or retired at assemblies, those present in Auxiliary uniforms shall render the military salute as stated in (a).

(d) Members who are not in Auxiliary uniform shall use the heart salute (b).

(e) Members in Auxiliary caps with a MCLA logo, collared shirt and nice slacks or skirt are now considered in full uniform and can use the hand salute.

(f) The Auxiliary Flag Bearers while holding the Flags, or the Chaplain while attending at the Altar, never salute.

National Judge Advocate Con't

Please try to familiarize yourself with the two different salutes to our Flag so that you are not only showing proper respect, but may also help guide others to perform the appropriate action at the function they are attending. Not only will this help ease any discomfort of a guest or newer member, but you can also feel confident that you are giving the utmost respect to the men and women who have bravely fought for those colors to fly in this great Nation as well.

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation.

~George Washington~



**Volunteer Reports are due
to Committee Chairs by
June 30th**

Send to the following:

Americanism: Tracey Killinger, 1775 Molly Pitcher Hwy S, Chambersburg, PA 17202-9202

Child Welfare: Pat Engel, 3888 Rickland Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-8673

Civics: Judy Blackmer, 4530 Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629

Girl Scouts: Mitzy Abeyta 446 Dennis Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144-1179

Rehabilitation: Viola Trevino, 3337 Casa De Amigos, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

National Chaplain
PNP Barbara Nobile
NationalChaplain@nationalmcla.org

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CHAPLAIN NOTES

MARY E WHEELER * 3/25/2022- Herkimer County Unit, NY. Condolences to daughter, Karen Popielski, 2352 Douglas Ave. Yorkville, NY 13495. Mary was a Gold Star Mother.

DAISY ERLINE * 4/04/2022- Lancaster County Unit, PA. Condolences to, Tammy Ervine, 730 Harold Drive, Mount Joy, PA. 17552.

JUDY LOGAN PDP, * 4/22- Dept of Ohio- Condolences to- Husband, Darrell Logan, 6322 Mid Pine Ct. Grove City, Ohio. 43123-9505.

Sandi Cole, Central Missouri Unit thanks everyone for the cards and well wishes. She is not back home in Jefferson City, MO. She still needs your continued prayers for her healing. 210 Grace Lane, Holts Summit, MO. 65043-4200.

Diana Avant, Dept of NJ continues to need our prayers. She was diagnosed with Leukemia and has made several visits to the hospital. She could use your powerful MCLA prayers and cards of encouragement. 6837 NE Cubitis Ave. Site 591, Arcadia, FL. 34266.

Central Missouri Unit member, Buffy Tomlin had a polypectomy and the results were good at this time. By next newsletter, she will know what course of action may need to be taken in the future.

Please Keep Madame President and our National Commandant, Johnny Baker in your thoughts. Both are in need of our prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,
PNP Barbara Nobile





Application for 30 or 40 years of Dedication recognition

_____ \$30

Cost: _____

_____ \$40

*Make check out to National MCLA

Send check to: PO Box 3038
Stafford, VA 22555-3038

Recipient Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Requesting Unit: _____

Years of Membership: _____

(Starting date to Present date) *indicate any breaks in membership years

List all Units in which membership was acquired:

List any other name member used: _____

Contact Info of Person Requesting Years of Dedication Pin:

_____ Email or Phone # _____

(Name of Person and Title filing out the Request Form)

Address where to send award:

Verification of National Office:

**Please allow 30 days for request to be filled

One copy to be mailed to National - One kept in Unit Treasurer Records with original membership application



\$5.00 *Sale!*



WATER BOTTLES



STRING BAGS



EYEGGLASS CASES



EGA ORNAMENTS

BELOW ARE SOME OTHER POPULAR ITEMS IN THE SHIPS STORE:



Tumbler Blue with Logo \$25



Tote Blue with Logo \$20



Thank you pin \$2.00



**KEEP WATCHING FOR OUR SPECIAL SALES EACH MONTH LEADING UP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.
HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE IN DAYTONA BEACH IN AUGUST!!!
YOUR SHIPS STORE CREW: JUDY, DEBBY, MITZY AND PATTI**

IN ORDER TO INSURE ACCURACY PLEASE FILL OUT AND SUBMIT ORDER FORMS BY EMAIL. OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY WILL VALIDATE THE ORDER AND CONTACT YOU TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.



ATTENTION MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During the initial COVID outbreak many Units /Departments could not hold regular meetings and certain things were missed. We are all creatures of habit and look back at what we did the prior year, things get missed.

WHAT DO WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH?

Please ask at your next Unit/Department meeting for verification that your Bond has been paid for the 2021-2022 year. The Treasurer would be able to answer this question. *It was due August 31, 2021 with the first transmittal of members.* If this has not been filed and paid, *please do so immediately.*

Unit and Department Bonds must be paid to National in order to be compliant. If the bonds are not paid, or if there are any outstanding debts to National Headquarters the Unit/Department members are not compliant and are not allowed certified credentials at Conventions.

Bonding fee for the Unit/Department is to be submitted through the Unit Treasurer to Department Treasurer no later than 31 August each year; the Department bonding fee is to be submitted by the Treasurer immediately after the Department Convention. The cost of the bonding fee is three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per year. (Refer to BYLAWS, Sections 440 and 545.)

The Bond Form is found as Enclosure#2 in the National By-laws or on the National web site. Please always print new forms each year for the most up to date form.

Thank you for your help,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate

National Judge Advocate

Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present:
\$2,069.25

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Thank you for your generosity,
The National Headquarters Committee



Share your Unit, Department or Division information in our newsletter...

Share dates for conferences...

Share celebrations...



We want to hear from you! Send Information to MCLA-newsletters@nationalmcla.org

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