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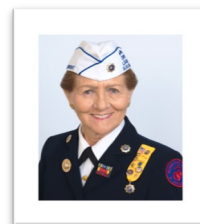
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National President Evelyn Joppa



Greetings Ladies

We have great opportunities in the very near future, to honor our Marines by attending one of the outstanding Marine Birthday Celebrations to commemorate the 246th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, to honor all our veterans November 11th, and to celebrate with our families on Thanksgiving Day. May joy fill your heart as you thank our many active military service men and women and all veterans for our continued freedoms. May the Thanksgiving Holiday be a blessing to you, your family, and friends.

The Midwest Division Conference in Jefferson City Missouri was an outstanding event. Well run, well attended. The opportunities to meet and greet each other with the chicken dinner for all on Friday night in the hospitality house and the delish spaghetti lunch at the home of the detachment was indeed special. This was topped off with the unexpected candlelight banquet due to a power outage. Leave it to the Marine families to adapt and overcome. Due to this power outage, it was a dressed down affair. It was simply wonderful to be the guest of the local unit! The Division Auxiliary meeting was informative and well done. The Operation Little Angel ice cream

social was fun and the recipient of all the needed items for St Mary's Home was very appreciated. This home supplies a great need in the area.



PNP Barb Nobile,
MW Assist Div. VP Jan Crowe,
Nat Pres Eve Joppa,
PNP Jackie Hunter,
MW Div. VP Darlene MacCubbin
and
Nat. VP Dotty Sanning

National President continued

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

Semper Fidelis
Evelyn B. Joppa
National President

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

**Alone we can do so little, together we can do so
much! Helen Keller**



The Honor Guard was from local Detachment.

FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Wishing all of our members a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends. A special "thank you" to all of our Veterans and their families for your incredible service and sacrifice for this country. As November is also the month of the Military Family, please celebrate our loved ones who support our troops each and every day and salute the flag as well. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



SR Vice President Linda Chamberlain

IMPORTANT PAPERS

If you recall, last month I wrote about adding the name and phone number of an Auxiliary sister to your “When Something Happens to Me” notification list. This month I would like to follow-up with “Does someone know where all of my ‘Important Papers’ are?”

I am sure each of us knows exactly where our important papers are and, at any given time no matter how messy our personal filing system is, could put our hands on any one of them if needed. However, does someone else in your family know where they are, or would they even know where to look? Probably not. I would be willing to bet many important papers are accidentally tossed by family members while “cleaning out” their loved one’s possessions.

My suggestion is to make a list of exactly everything: life insurance policy, house papers, Social Security information, bank information, will, IRA and pension information and, yes, your final wishes. You may think your spouse knows where they are, but when the time comes to find them, he may just not remember. Once the list is completed, put it with your who-to-notify list or make copies of all of the mentioned documents and place them in a labeled binder, or purchase one of those “after I’m gone books,” but be sure to put the binder somewhere where it will be seen and not on a shelf in a closet. For those of you who do not have a spouse or significant other, put the list in a sealed envelope and give it to a family member or close friend with instructions the envelope is only to be opened “when the time comes.” Don’t forget to review and update the list periodically as necessary.

Now that we have all of your personal information covered, let’s talk about your Auxiliary information. If you hold a Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit, Department or National position, be sure that someone knows where all of your files are so they are not accidentally discarded and they can be “turned over to proper authority” at the appropriate level.

Oh, and one last thing: please let someone know if you would like an Auxiliary Memorial Service conducted. Unfortunately, many families are not aware the Auxiliary does such a beautiful tribute for one of our sisters when they pass.

I do hope my October and September articles have given you something to think about and that you will keep my suggestions in mind, even though, as I said previously, this is one topic we usually don’t want to talk or think about.

Until next month, (when my article will be more upbeat) take care and stay safe. At this time I would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and hope that, while you are spending the day with family or friends, you take a moment to remember our servicemen and women who are deployed and not spending the day with their loved ones, as well as our veterans who may be spending the day alone.



JR Vice President Dotty Sanning

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Happy Birthday Marines!

I do believe there are a lot of us out there trying on ball gowns, seeing if that cute semi-formal still fits, or making sure we have shoes that are not too tight for the BIG night coming up – the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. In the same fashion, our Marines are probably making sure they can still fit into their fancy duds, as well as polishing up the medals they so proudly wear on their chests. Then again, you may not be going to a formal ball, perhaps you are getting together for dinner or a small gathering at the local watering hole or spending the evening saying Happy Birthday to the picture of your loved one. Wherever you go, whomever you are with, I urge you to remember those that no longer have their Marine relative to celebrate with. Let us all extend a Happy Birthday to them, as well.

The next important event for me this month is Veteran's Day, the day we celebrate by thanking veterans for their service and sacrifice. Many communities will have a church service, perhaps a parade or a special ceremony at a nursing home or veterans home. But believe me, ladies, they are everywhere, those veterans! One might be your new next door neighbor or possibly the checkout girl at your grocery. Every now and then they might wear something that identifies them as a veteran or toss out a phrase that you have heard before; they are all around us and deserve a heartfelt thank you.

In the hope that you come across a veteran this month that you did not know before I challenge you to take a moment and listen to them. He or she may have a story to tell but you will not get to hear it until you seek them out. Veteran's Day is just one of the numerous opportunities that we have, each year, to thank the veterans of all the branches of the military. With this in mind make sure you wear something that has our auxiliary logo on it – this can be a real conversation starter! Oh, and remember to always have an application with you, with your name already filled in as the recruiter of course.

By the same token, you could hand them the MCLA Who Are We? tri-fold pamphlet that is on our website, or your personal business card with your contact information, or even a unit business card with information about your meeting night. Great ideas come from all over the country and it is important to make that contact so you can recruit, recruit, recruit!

Right about this time I begin to think earnestly about Thanksgiving. November could be known as the thankful month. Thank you for the Marine Corps, veterans and family. Throw all of this into one month and this makes me a happy gal. Thanksgiving dinner, friends, family and oh my goodness, Christmas is right around the corner. Where did November go? Thank you Veterans, for your service!

Semper Fidelis, *Dotty Sanning* National Junior Vice Pres.



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.

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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

National Judge Advocate

This month, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you, what topic is it that YOU would like to read about that I would be able to give you a clearer understanding?

Month after month I can choose topics to write about but if you, as a MLCA member are not interested in the topic, you will stop reading this publication. The purpose of the monthly newsletter is to convey useful information. What is that for you?

Please contact me at nationalja@nationalmcla.org with the subject line Newsletter Ideas.

This will help me serve YOU better. Thank you.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Semper Fidelis,
Mary Brief
National Judge Advocate



The F.O.R.D. Method

Holidays usually involve attending numerous gatherings, parties or simple get-togethers. By using the F.O.R.D. method you will be able to keep the conversation going! Keep it simple and remember FORD!

F Family - most people have family, use this as a simple icebreaker

O Occupation — most adults have worked at some point in their lives

R Recreation — Hobbies, interests, or preferences

D Dreams — This can reveal a lot of information and lead to deeper conversations

Be sure to have your answers ready too... and enjoy those holiday parties!

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SPECIAL GIFTS**



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National Chaplain
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O, HEAVENLY FATHER; WE THANK THEE FOR FOOD AND REMEMBER THE HUNGRY, WE THANK THEE FOR GOOD HEALTH AND REMEMBER THE SICK, WE THANK THEE FOR FRIENDS AND REMEMBER THE FRIENDLESS. WE THANK THEE FOR FREEDOM AND REMEMBER THE ENSLAVED. MAY THESE REMEMBRANCES STIR US TO SERVICE, THAT THY GIFTS TO US MAY BE USED FOR OTHERS. AMEN.

Diane Draper- Flint Unit Michigan member passed on Sept. 29th 2021.

Condolences to – Dana Draper- Rosin, 3119 Walden Woods, Midland, MI. 48640.

Ruby Brannon, Rocky Mt. Diamonds Unit, CO. passed on Oct. 14th, 2021. She was the mother of Janice miller. Condolence to Janice and Wendy Miller, 5719 Yarrow St. Arvada, CO. 80002-2443.

Dauris L Donmoyer, Life member Dept of PA. Passed in Oct. 2021. Condolences to husband, Donal Donmoyer, 7725 Moyer Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Gerraldine Cripps, The Villages Unit, Florida, passed September 8th, 2021.

Condolences to, Brigid Richardosn, 5357 Bentgrass Way, Bradenton, Fl.

These deaths were just reported as the unit had been inactive or due to Covid were not reported until now. I do not send cards this late, but wanted our members to know of passings in the event you knew these ladies

June Marheime- Badger Unit, Milwaukee, WI. Passed December 27, 2019.

Mary T Wahl - Badger Unit, Milwaukee, WI. Passed October, 27th 2020.

Laura Wishard - Landis McCleaf Unit, PA. Passed November 26th, 2020.

Inda Adams, long time member of the MCLA in Tennessee had a 93rd birthday on Oct. 24th. I am sure she would be glad for a belated card. Inda has had some serious health issues this past year and is doing well. Cards of cheer or greetings may be mailed to- 616 Mayview Drive, Madison, TN. 37115.

Gerogia Dede-Leon lost her husband, Bob, this past month. She is the Jack Ivy MCLA Unit president in Florida. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her at- 6021 NW Favian Ave. Pt. St Lucie, FL. 34986.

Dept of NJ Chaplain, **Sara Velcheck** lost her mom. Cards of condolence may be mailed to her at 167 Jordan Circle, Somerset, NJ. 08873.

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National Chaplain

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Nikki Bacote, a member of the Tar Heel Unit in NC is very ill with Covid. While in the hospital she delivered a baby girl who is in the NICU. We ask for continued prayers for this family. Cheerful greetings may be mailed to Roshika Bacote, 3329 Countisbury Court, Garner, NC. 27529.

Jimmy the Squid Hackbarth was taken to the hospital with a broken hip. Cards of cheer for her and **MCLA** member wife, **Rogene**, may be mailed to 3345 Lazy Acres Lane, The Villages, FL. 32163.

Rich and Judy Hesseltine, Larry Nehring unit and detachment in Des Moines, lost their son Richie, suddenly to a heart attack. Cards of condolence may be mailed to them at, 916 East 26th Court, Des Moines, Ia, 50317.

As always I ask you offer up a prayer for our members who do not share their struggles with us. Please Keep Rita Schulte from the Central Missouri Unit in your prayers as she continues to have surgeries from her terrible car accident.

I wish you all a wonderful fall, enjoy the wonders of nature this Fall and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Blessings, PNP Barb Nobile



Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present: \$ 596

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