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National President Dotty Sanning



Fall Forward with Knowledge, Service, and Gratitude

As we welcome the beauty of fall onto our front porches, let's also carry forward the knowledge and inspiration gained from our recent National Convention. One highlight for me was the budget workshop presented by Twila Gensel. She not only walked us through how to prepare a budget but also explained why it is such an essential tool for success. If you ever feel uncertain while working on your unit's budget, don't hesitate to reach out to Twila—her guidance is always practical and encouraging. I would also love to hear from those of you who are starting new budgets for your units and how the process is going.

I am equally excited to be back in the office helping with our storage project. Thanks to Ramona, we now have new bins ready to hold files and long-term items, freeing up filing cabinets for active units and departments. We look forward to completing it soon.

You may have noticed on our website that a few positions have shifted following elections. If you're not currently serving on a National Committee, there's still time to get involved! Simply email me if you are interested. Please keep in mind that Committee Chairs are expected to attend next year's National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Open Positions (must attend both Mid-Winter and National Convention):

- Mideast Division Vice President and Assistant
- New England Division Vice President and Assistant
- Southwest Division Vice President Assistant

Additional Opening (remote service possible):

- Memorial Fund Committee

If one of these opportunities speaks to you, I encourage you to reach out. Also, Members-at-Large can also fill positions. Your participation truly strengthens our organization and makes a lasting impact.

Finally, one of my favorite moments came at the close of the National Convention when I was able to present Certificates of Appreciation to every member who served on the National Roster—whether as a Committee Chair or Committee Member. Although I had only minutes to mention every name, each of you is a vital part of our success all year long. Even if you were unable to attend in person, please know that you were remembered and appreciated. Thank you all for your ongoing dedication and service.

Dotty Sanning

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From Ramona's Desk:

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Thank you for all the cards I received following my surgery. Your thoughts and well wishes were very kind and helped keep my spirits up during recovery. Thank you also for your patience as I get back into the office and comb through the emails and transmittals that were waiting for me. If there is anything urgent that needs my attention, please feel free to call me to let me know.



All Units and Divisions will be receiving Life Member Distribution checks this month. Please cash these ASAP! Checks from National Headquarters are only good for 90 days. If your Unit or Department is not going to cash the check - for any reason - please mark it VOID and return to HQs. This will assist me with record keeping.

Ramona Smith

NATIONAL CHAIR GIRLSCOUTS COMMITTEE



Greetings,

I hope everyone returned from the National Convention safely. If you were unable to attend, you were missed! It was a great convention, and Texas did a great job! Speaking of great jobs, thank you to all the Departments that gave out Gold Awards last year! 91 Girl Scout Gold Awards were given out by 6 Departments. I am pleased these awards were given out; however, it was a significant reduction (181) from the number of awards presented last year. Please make sure you are reporting awards presented and if your Department is not presenting Gold Awards, I would encourage you to connect with the local troops and work to recognize their scouts. These young ladies spend 80 hours just to qualify to get this award, let's help them receive this honor.

I am already looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter.

Angie Pitts

National Girl Scout Chair

Greetings to all Auxiliary Members,

It's the beginning of a new year (fiscal year that is!). It's time to reboot, restart and refresh!

The 2025 National Convention in Grapevine, Texas is now behind us, and I would like to congratulate all of our newly elected National Officers. I know they will have the support and cooperation from all of us to make this a successful and productive year. Looking forward to starting new Units in Central Division. All Departments and Units please contact me if I can be helpful in any way.

As stated in our last Newsletter, every Unit and Department should be operating in the same fiscal year. The fiscal year for the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary is for the period of July 1st to June 30th. Also, your 990-N filing is due every year by November 15th. (The 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the fiscal year). Don't forget to keep a copy of the email acceptance receipt that you receive from the IRS for your Unit and print copies and send copies to your Department Treasurer, Division Vice President and National Headquarters. Make sure it is accepted.

Please remember that dues are always due August 31st of each year and should not be sent into Headquarters until after the National Convention. Unit Treasurers, please forward all dues immediately to your Departments and then Department Treasurers, please send dues as soon as possible to National Headquarters.

Let us all strive and work together to help and assist those around us to reach new goals and move our organization forward. Let us start the year with a positive attitude and remove all negativity. In quoting one of our Marine slogans, we need to "Adapt, Improvise and Overcome"! We all need to be more accountable to our leadership, and our leadership needs to be held accountable to the members. With the help, support, and cooperation of each of us we can accomplish great things in the year ahead. I look forward to serving to the best of my ability. Please email or call if I can be of help in any way.

Semper Fidelis,

Patti Morgan

Central Division Vice President



Memorial Fund



The purpose of the MCLA National Memorial Fund is to help our members when they need assistance. I, Jan Crowe, as Chairperson of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary's National Memorial Fund would remind you that there is always a continuing need for donations as we assist those who are needing help.

From March 2025 through August 2025 the MCLA National Memorial Fund Committee has received donations and memorials as well as the monies raised at the MCLA Memorial Fund Table at MidWinter Conference at Arlington , VA and at National Convention in Grapevine, TX. There are donations we receive in 'Memory of' a loved family member or friend. There are those who donate in 'Honor of' a family member or friend. All donations will receive acknowledgments.

The MCLA National Memorial Fund has also received three requests for assistance during the same time. All requests are reviewed by the Memorial Fund Committee members and then make a unanimous decision. All requests for assistance from the Fund will be acknowledged by the committee by letters sent to the requester and the recipient.

To donate to the MCLA National Memorial Fund, please visit the National MCLA webpage (www.nationalmcla.org). The form is interactive and can be completed and mailed with a check to MCLA National HQ, P. O. Box 3038, Stafford, VA 22555-3038. Please note 'Memorial Fund' on your check. All donations are acknowledged, and families of those remembered and honored are notified by letter.

The committee is already preparing for the MidWinter Conference in Arlington. Please stop by and visit and see the great items we have at the raffle table

I would like to thank the National Memorial Fund committee members for the past year: Colleen English, Pauline Forsell, Mitzy Abeyta, Susan Douglas and Carol Holmes, Chairperson Jan Crowe and National President Dotty Sanning. Each of you played a huge part in the success of this MCLA National Memorial Fund. Thank you!

Semper Fidelis,

Jan Crowe

National Memorial Fund Committee Chairperson



Greetings, Auxiliary Members,

My name is Sarah Covert, and I am honored to serve as your new National EIN Chair for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share a little about my background, both professionally and within the League, the Auxiliary, and the Dogs.

I work as the Highway Accountant for Mower County, Minnesota, where I focus on finance, compliance, and detailed reporting. These skills support my role as EIN Chair and help ensure our Units and Departments remain in good standing with required filings.

Within the Marine Corps League, I serve as the Department Webmaster and the Junior Past Department Commandant for Minnesota, the Chief of Staff/Compliance Officer for the Midwest Division, and the Senior Vice Commandant for Thor Detachment.

In the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD), I am proud to serve as the Senior Vice Pack Leader for the Minnesota Pack, the Pound Keeper for Pound 711, as well as the Deputy Mad Dog and Deputy Bits & Bytes Dog for Kennel. These positions keep me engaged at every level of our organization and allow me to support compliance, communication, and camaraderie.

As EIN Chair, my primary responsibility is to help our Auxiliary Units and Departments stay compliant with the IRS and their state's Secretary of State (SOS). Filing an IRS Form 990 annually, whether it is the 990-N, 990-EZ, or full 990, is required to maintain nonprofit tax-exempt status. Many states also require annual or biennial SOS filings to remain recognized as a legal nonprofit corporation.

If your fiscal year ends on June 30, your IRS Form 990 is due by November 15 of that same year. Please mark this date on your calendar to avoid late filings.

Currently, approximately 30 percent of our active Units are out of compliance with their IRS 990 and SOS filings. This is a serious concern, as falling behind places both the Unit and the Auxiliary at risk. Reinstating lapsed tax-exempt status or corporate recognition can be costly and time-consuming, but with timely filings, it is easily preventable.

To make this process smoother, please send me a copy of the filing when you file your 990. This allows me to keep accurate records on file and saves me time from having to check each one individually.

I have also created an online survey form for you to update your Unit or Department's primary compliance contact. This should be the person responsible for your 990 and SOS filings, so I know who to reach out to with important compliance information. The form also allows you to upload your 990 filing or other documents directly to me.

You can access it at <https://forms.gle/nNtZ4xvu32fngodZ6> or by scanning the QR code provided in this newsletter.

In the months ahead, I will be sharing reminders, resources, and step-by-step guidance to help Units and Departments stay current. If you are unsure of your filing requirements or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am here to support you.

Thank you for all that you do in service to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and our mission. Together, we can raise compliance, strengthen our Units, and continue to serve with pride.

Woof Woof and Semper Fidelis,

Sarah Covert

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Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

Happy Fall!!

As we enjoy cooler weather, I start thinking about our fall fundraiser for the Headquarters Project. Soon you will receive a QR code for a 50/50 drawing that will be pulled at Midwinter, and we'll do another 50/50 drawing at National next August.

We will also be conducting a raffle similar to our last two, with a few changes. We'll have three winners: 1st place \$500; 2nd place \$250; and 3rd place \$100. The raffle tickets will be ready and given out to division vices and any others who would like to help at Midwinter.

Last year you raised over \$4000 with our raffle, these funds are used for the day to day expenses at Headquarters.

If you have any fundraising thoughts, please feel free to contact me.



Darlene MacCubbin

Headquarters Project Chair

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Members: Angie Pitts, Patti Morgan, Marti Kline,
Crystal Powers, Janet Anders, Mary Lou Webb





Americanism



Hello MCLA Members! I'd like to start my article by saying I hope that everyone had a wonderful time at the convention, now... I have a few questions to ask you. Did you keep track of your meeting time, and your donations given while attending the convention? I know I saw a bunch of you purchasing tickets for the OLA and Memorial Fund tables, if you didn't win anything, all monies were donated. So that would be information for Americanism, Child Welfare, Rehabilitation and/or Civics (all depending on where the funds would go). Please remember to keep track and turn in or make a copy for each month. This is so much easier than sitting down at the end of the year to figure out information for the entire year. I still have my form that you can keep on your computer and save it as the month of your hours reported. I can send it to anyone that's interested. All it would take is an email from you to me requesting the form. I'll send it to you on the same day as requested (or next day).

It's so much easier trying to figure out what you did during that month, versus trying to figure out the entire year in April. The reason I specified April is because our Auxiliary year for reporting hours to the Department level covers 1 May – 30 April each year. The reason being is report hours need to be submitted to your Department Chairperson **30 days** prior to your Convention. If no Department exists, your hours need to be sent to the National Chairperson **30 days** prior to the National Convention.

Here it is October, and I know for a fact that a lot of you already have many hours for Americanism. Examples in May through July (Flying the AM flag, Memorial Day Celebrations, 4th of July Celebrations, Monthly Unit Meetings, Department and National Conventions). All these events will have the following things to report; Hours, Times, Mileage, and Money donated. I know you do a lot of things in this category, but we all sometimes forget to write it down.

This time of year, most people are thinking of getting ready for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, BUT I do know that a lot of us are also getting ready for the following upcoming events: Voting (voting/working the polls); Marine Corps Ball; Veteran's Day (Ceremony/Parade); Wreaths Across America; all of the events mentioned here get reported on the Americanism Report.

I can't stress enough; I request that you get a pocket calendar and keep it in your purse or car and get in the habit of writing down information before you leave and when you return. If you do this enough it will become a habit like having that first cup of coffee or tea each day. Any questions, my email address is below, feel free to use it.

Tracey G. Killinger, Nat'l Chairman

Americanism Committee

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INSPIRATION



The rain stopped just in time to brighten the day of USMC veteran Carl Horvath, a disabled neighbor of Low Country Detachment #803 member Ronald Lamon. He received a new U.S. flag and a new USMC flag. Pictured are Detachment Members John Tharp, Clinton Bittick, Ronald Lamon, Keith Conway, and Gary Dobson along with MCLA Holy City Unit members Diane Bittick and Dorothy Tackett.





INSPIRATION



John Basilone Parade, Rairton, NJ - All Divisions Unit members PNP Linda Chamberlain and Joanne Ramos and All Divisions Detachment Member Fredy Ramon with MCL Color Guard before the start of the Parade.



Whitewater Valley Unit was blessed to have 2 charter members attend their June meeting. Both have been members for 54 years. Pictured are Anna Phenis (left) and Janet Hurley (right).





INSPIRATION



Lake of the Ozarks Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit's very own Lynda Hartwick was one of the lake area residents nominated to be an Ambassador of Hope! She was featured in the local LO PROFILE magazine.



NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
2/26/2025 – 2/28/2026 (check-in 2/25, check out 3/1)



RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED:

Sheraton Pentagon City

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204 Phone: 703-521-1900 (Hotel) or 800-325-3535 Reference National Marine Corps League. Or online via the MCL Website by clicking on Sheraton Pentagon City <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference>.

Cutoff Date for Reservations is February 3, 2026. Any cancellations after February 10, 2026, will forfeit the one-night deposit.

RATE: \$131 per night plus tax (about \$150/night). Complimentary WIFI is included.

PARKING: On-site garage parking is \$10 per day, Free shuttle to/from Reagan Airport (DCA). Hotel Shuttle Information – No signup required. Times can vary slightly based on traffic. To: DCA/Reagan International Airport – Depart hotel 6am to 9am every 30 minutes. 9am to 11am once every hour at the top of the hour. Stops: Terminal 1 Main Entrance, Terminal 2 Doors 4 & 7. To the Pentagon City Mall/Metro Station – Depart hotel 9:30am – 9:30pm once an hour at the bottom of the hour. Departing Metro/Mall in front of Ritz Carlton – 9:45am to 9:45pm once an hour at the 3/4 of an hour (45).

The hotel overlooks Arlington National Cemetery and is right near Henderson Hall and the Fort Myer Exchange.

A trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps on Thursday afternoon, 2/26/26 is planned.

Conference Registration, Banquet Tickets and Bus Tickets for the Museum trip are available on the MCL Website (<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference>).

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION
August 10 -14, 2026



HOST: MCL Department of Indiana

HOTEL: Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Hotel
2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241

RESERVATIONS: Reservations opened at 8 AM (Eastern Daylight Time) on Monday, August 18, 2025. Website: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention>, click on "Click Here to Mak Hote Reservations" this takes you right to the MCL Block. **PLEASE do not make more than 2 Room Reservation.**

ROOM RATE: \$155/night including taxes and breakfast. As per hotel policy there will be an Incidentals charge added to your credit card when you check in, which will be taken off when you check out provide you do not have not utilized a service not covered by the standard room rate.

If you have any problems making your reservation, please contact me via email at natlpresmcla22@gmail.com or phone/text at 215485 3095.

Additional information regarding the hotel and the convention will be shared as soon as it becomes available and at the Midwinter Conference.

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain

MCLA Convention Liaison

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MCLA
Ship Store

HOT ITEMS!

**2026 POCKET CALENDARS
AND MCLA 3X3" PATCHES
ARE HERE! \$6 EACH!**



GOOD NEWS!

We are expecting an order of jackets from our vendor. If you would like to purchase please submit your order!

Please note, the jackets run a little small so please order one size larger as they are a fitted form design.



NEW ITEMS!

**NEW MCLA JEWELRY WILL BE ARRIVING
SOON! SILVER AND GOLD!
NECKLACE & EARRINGS!**



Happy Birthday to our Fabulous Members with October Birthdays!

**1 Oct – Yvonne Asher
2 Oct – Janet Severn
2 Oct – Makayla Elscheid
2 Oct – Tori Patton
4 Oct – Rhonda Wesseln
5 Oct – Regina Harkin
6 Oct – Beverly Shapiro
7 Oct – Margaret Gulbranson
7 Oct – Helen Nelson
8 Oct – Lois Laughlin
9 Oct – Jeanette Winder
9 Oct – Joanne Watts
10 Oct – Rosalie M Huebener
10 Oct – Kelsey Heath-Sukalski
10 Oct – Madison Love
11 Oct – Jan Crowe
12 Oct – Christine Fay
12 Oct – Faith Hartman**

**14 Oct – Nancy Kearney
16 Oct – Kathryn Denich
18 Oct – Janet Allquist
20 Oct – Donna Survant
20 Oct – Christy Smith
21 Oct – Cheri Tarpley
22 Oct – Jean Semanco
23 Oct – Julie Moorhead
26 Oct – Margo Reed
26 Oct – Kathleen Rottino
26 Oct – Paulette Stofiel
27 Oct – Lois Allen
28 Oct – Patty Shoemaker-Perks
29 Oct – Sue E Reitzel
30 Oct – Victoria Passov-Adams
31 Oct – Kathleen Thompson
31 Oct – Alivia Woods**

We love recognizing our member's birthdays and would never intentionally leave out a celebration! Please make sure your member profile in the MCLA database has your birthday listed by ensuring membership transmittal forms accurately include the birthdate of each member or by sending an email to MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org with the information.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PNP EVELYN B. JOPPA

Precious Memories

Love gives us memories. Faith gives us strength.

Kamela Ryan 08/23/25

Life member of Morris Dixon Unit FL passed August 23, 2025, Kamela was an active member for many years. always ready to help the League and Auxiliary. No next of kin listed.

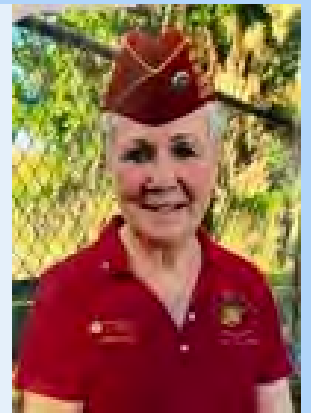


Jane Stoel 02/09/25

Jane Stoel, Member of the Badger Unit, WI passed on February 9, 2025. Next of kin Lisa Carstensen, W27453951 Stonegate Rd, Waukesha, WI 53189.

Karen Engel 09/15/25

The Villages Unit, FL, MCLA, with sadness, reported the passing of our Auxiliary Sister, Karen Engel. Karen was one of the original trailblazers for our Unit, serving in all capacities, including President, and was a great supporter of MCL programs. Karen is survived by her husband, Carl and loving family. Prayers for the family and cards may be sent to: Carl Engel, 25718 Belle Alliance, Leesburg, FL 34748-9433.



Memories are gifts our hearts receive to bring gentle comfort as we grieve.

The memory of the righteous is a blessing. Proverbs 10:7

God's Blessings to each of you.

Chaplain's Corner Notes

Members in need:

Judy Brink is in the Department of Colorado, in the Rocky Mountain Diamonds Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Please keep her and family in your prayers today. Judy's mom passed away September 25. Cards may be sent to: Judy Brink, 11383 W. 53rd Place, Arvada, CO 80002-1376

Tommie Coleman of the Frank J. Carroll Marine Corps League Auxiliary will be 95 years old this Thursday, September 25, 2025. Let's shower her with cards and celebrate her special day. Send cards to: Tommie Coleman, 5419 S. Huron Way, Littleton, CO 80120-1429

Our National Secretary Ramona Smith had successful surgery. Recovery takes a bit of time. Let's shower her with those powerful prayers for complete healing and cards of encouragement. Cards may be sent to: Ramona Smith, 38 Saint Roberts Dr., Stafford, VA 22556

Inda Adams, a longtime member of Music City Unit, has pneumonia in both lungs. She is currently in rehab. We need those powerful prayers and encouraging cards. Cards may be sent to 510 Mayview Dr., Madison, TN 37115-2712

Rheta is having issues with her knee. Let's shower her with cards to make her day!
Rheta Dufresne, 3701 Wilder Rd, Vassar, MI 48768

Susquehanna Valley Unit member Nancy Lobao. Twila and Libby's Aunt Nancy fell and was hospitalized. Let's shower her with cards and prayers. Nancy Lobac, 5808 Parkway Drive, House Springs, MO, 63051

Marion Unit President Samantha Weber delivered her baby girl on August 27th by C-section. Baby is fine. Samantha is having complications and may have to have more surgery. Let's shower her with prayers and cards! Samatha Weber, 2980 NE 36th Place, Ocala, FL 34479

Member of Semper Fidelis Unit Marion Applebaum lost her husband Robert (Bob) Applebaum September 6, 2025. Please keep Marion and the family in prayer. Sympathy cards may be sent to: Marion Applebaum, 954 Main Avenue, Richland, NJ 08350-8002

Chaplain's Corner Notes

Tommie Coleman, lifetime member of Frank J Carroll, is recovering from foot surgery. Also, her son, Robin, will have a cancerous spot removed from his face soon. Prayers are appreciated. Cards can be sent to: Tommie Coleman, 5419 S Huron Way, Littleton, CO 80120

League member Ted Dougherty is home recovering from neck surgery and disk removal with fusion. Let him know we are thinking about him. Ted Dougherty, 157 Terrace Trail, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Keith and Laura Baker could use our prayers. Keith has been having some health issues. They found he has Helicobacter Pylori bacterial infection. He is on meds with hopes it clears soon. Keith and Laura Baker, 2579 Old Troll Road, Jackson, Mo 63755

Marine Steven A Hilton passed August 10, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife, Lana. Prayers and cards may be sent to Lana Hilton, 2001 5th Ave SW, Great Falls, Mt. 59404

PNC Paul Hastings had surgery to relieve some bleeding around his brain. He woke up from the surgery groggy and hungry, which is a good thing. We need to keep Paul in our healing prayers! Cards may be sent to Paul Hastings 7213 Ketchel Drive NE, Comstock Place, MI 49321

***Please keep all members in your daily prayers
We never know who may be suffering in silence.***

Remember if you are not on the Chaplain's list to receive emails of those in need, please email

Pnpchaplain.evelyn@gmail.com to be added to the list.

My door is always open for needs of our members and their families.

Semper Fidelis

Evelyn Joppa

National Chaplain

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

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