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National President Dotty Sanning



I am deeply honored to serve as the 2024-2025 National President, following in the footsteps of many remarkable women who have held this position before me. A heartfelt thank you to Jr. Past President Linda Chamberlain, who led us with such professionalism and confidence over the past two years. I also want to extend my gratitude to PNP Chamberlain and all Past National Presidents for their continued guidance and leadership. Your support is invaluable as we embark on this new leadership year.

For those who couldn't join us at the National Convention in Rancho Mirage, you missed an informative and enjoyable event, including a unique 'dress down' day that you will definitely want to ask your delegates about!

Please take a moment to review the roster of newly elected officers, committee chairs, and committee members that you can find on our website. These dedicated individuals are here to support our growth and development. It is essential for our units and departments to utilize their expertise and for all members to contribute where possible so please take advantage of their knowledge and mentorship. Are your volunteer hours being recorded? Even a brief review of one month's activities can reveal the impact you are making. This is the time to get started recording this valuable information.

If you have questions about the Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, or any forms, don't hesitate to ask. Your inquiries are important, whether they are common or unique. Committee members and those in leadership positions in your units are available to help clarify or guide you. Let's make sure our questions are heard and addressed. A question cannot be answered if it is not asked.

National President (Con't)



Installation of National President, Dotty Sanning

Marine Corps League Commandant TJ Morgan, to ensure that both the Auxiliary and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs have the opportunity to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, is working on a Memorandum of Understanding. With our Board of Trustees input, he is preparing an MOU to outline this arrangement, which we will post on our website once finalized. The MOU specifies that the MODD will participate with the MCL on Veterans Day, while the MCLA will be involved on Memorial Day, as only two individuals are allowed to lay the wreath. But, of course, everyone is invited to attend the ceremonies that honor our veterans.

I am excited to see old friends and meet many new members throughout the year at one of the many League and Auxiliary events on our busy calendar. Let's have some fun while we continue to serve our Marine veterans and families!

Dotty Sanning

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Thank you for making my time as your National President a rewarding and memorable experience and for your support of my ideas for our Auxiliary.



Kudos to Liz, Angie, Christy and Becky for a great hair & makeup experience to help make all of us look picture perfect for the banquet. We were able to donate an additional \$1,400 to our OLA recipient, Shelter from the Storm.

Although we were unable to sell our Headquarters Project raffle tickets or draw the winning ticket at the National Convention, more than 1000 tickets were sold by our Division Vice Presidents. After deducting the \$500 prize, we cleared \$3,680. Great job ladies and thank you for your support of this idea.

Finally, to all of you who contributed to the monetary gift presented to this most humble PNP at the convention, a heartfelt *thank you*. Words cannot express my gratitude for your kind words and generosity.



Congratulations to our newly elected national officers, and I wish for them a very successful term of office.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Midwinter Conference in February at the Sheraton Pentagon City, Arlington, VA.

Always remember:

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

Semper Fidelis,

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain
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***Installation of Past National President,
Linda Chamberlain***



From Ramona's Desk:

Hello Ladies,

It was great seeing everyone in Palm Springs at National Convention. Moving forward, please remember now is the time to submit your transmittals. Please ensure you include the Bond Forms with payment.



Our Ship Store sales were a huge success! We still have some items left for sale. If you didn't have a chance to purchase at convention or would like to submit an order, please do so while supplies last.

Ramona Smith

NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<https://register.etransfer.com/cgi-bin/acct/92QK85XHPB/displayForm.pl?dir=CI12YX7A> 2024

Registration is open for Nation Midwinter Conference at the Sheraton Pentagon City. There is a new "Swag Bag" option. Our folks are going to place some neat items in the bag (examples of items that could be in the bag: water bottle, shot glass, and specially challenge coin).

Please get your registration complete and your banquet tickets purchased.
Respectfully,

Bob Borka
National Executive Director/COO
Marine Corps League

Greetings!

Our National Convention in Palm Springs California was a huge success! It was great to see the many friends that we have made over the years. We also had the opportunity to give applications to potential new members who were excited about the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and what we do! I would like to congratulate the newly elected and appointed officers along with committee chairs and members for the upcoming year. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your National Sr Vice President this coming year.

Finishing my National Jr Vice President year, my duties included conducting the annual Division Vice / Assistant Division Vice training during the National Convention, compiling and sharing membership information, and honoring our top recruiters with certificates and ribbons.

We have many newly elected division vice president and assistants for the upcoming year, so the training was reviewing their responsibilities and taking it back to the basics. We covered how to track and help Units with the required filings. How to host a division meeting and improve communications with the members in the division. I want to give the new officers accolades for stepping up and accepting these elected positions. It can seem overwhelming, but they are all off to a great start with enthusiasm and understanding of the position.

Currently we have a total membership of **2112** as of June 30, 2024, unfortunately this is 20 less members than a year ago. However, congratulations to **Southeast Division, Midwest Division, Northwest Division and Southwest Division** who have seen an increase in membership this past year!



Installation of Officers and Division Vice President's

**Congratulations to our 2024
Recruiter of the Year**



**Shannon Lopez
Lake Havasu Unit, AZ
Southwest Division - 11 new members**

**2nd Place- Rebecca Marcel
PNP Norma A. Liner Unit, LA
Southeast Division - 7 new members**

3rd Place- TIE

**Donna Rae Smith
Pikes Peak Unit, CO
Rocky Mountain Division - 6 new members**

**Kathy Hoffman
Landis McCleaf Unit, PA
Northeast Division - 6 new members**

We have gained a new Department this past year in the Southeast Division, please welcome
The Department of Louisiana

We need to continue to maintain current members and recruit new members. Will you recruit a new member this year? If each of us recruits only 1 new member, we will double membership which will have a direct impact on our efforts in helping our beloved Marines and Veterans.

My challenge to you is to recruit 1 new member before May 31st next year.

Thought to ponder: A Winner is a Loser who NEVER gives up!

Will you be a winner in recruiting your 1 new member this year?

Semper Fidelis,

***Mary Brief
National Senior Vice President***



Greetings!

I am honored to have been elected your new Junior Vice President and am looking forward to working with all the Division Vice Presidents over the next year. I plan to follow through with the wonderful work Mary Brief did in her time as Junior Vice...big shoes to fill! Thanks, Mary!

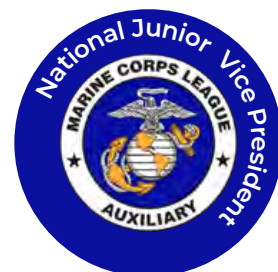
September and August are very busy times for your Auxiliary treasurer and junior vice with membership transmittals due by August 31. Along with that first transmittal, don't forget to send a bond form. Things to keep in mind this time of year are, 1) make sure your state incorporation report is up-to-date and, 2) file your IRS Form 990 no later than November 15. While it is the Unit treasurer's job to file these reports, as a Unit member it is your job to ask if they have been done. When these tasks are completed, they should be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Now for the exciting news! It has been the case that a member could earn a recruiter award by recruiting five new members in one year. A new bylaw was passed at the recent national convention that the number of members recruited will be tracked from year-to-year and added cumulatively. As soon as the new bylaws are signed off on by the League, I will be getting these very much-deserved awards out to your Division Vices for distribution.

I am always here to help.

Darlene MacCubbin

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How the auxiliary functions today may not be the way it needs to in the future. In the auxiliary it seems like every year at the National Convention there are changes. Changes are made to update old ideas, create a better structure, or give clarification. Some of these are as simple as rephrasing a sentence and some can be quite significant. Regardless, there is a process they go through in development, presentation to the board, then a vote before you will see them implemented on our website after the convention. That being said:

HOLD TRAINING



Not enough time in your meeting? Give a handout about a certain subject like the purpose of volunteer hours, a topic from Roberts Rules of Order, or knowledge of state regulations for events such as fundraisers. This can determine how successful you are able to be at the unit/department level or conventions.

It is so very important to communicate and update any changes to everyone no matter their position in the organization. Everyone needs to feel a part of the success and... knowledge is power.

Sempre Fi,

Lynn Cortright, USN Ret

National Judge Advocate
Holy City Unit #522

Why fit in when you were born to stand out! – Dr Seuss



Memory Book Chair

Our National Convention for 2024 has come and gone and now it's time to set our sights on building memories to include in our memory books by next year's National Convention. We had five submissions this year, truly hoping for more next year. I know there are so many auxiliaries out there that do so many different things that would be full of such great photos to with others. Past, present, future generations I know will love to look back on these pages to see different ideas, auxiliary accomplishments, memories of events, and especially seeing the smiles of our veterans and communities in your photos.

This is a great way to show all your incredible efforts through pictures and personal narrative in these Memory Books. This will inspire others with new ideas and possibly give other units and departments direction to want to submit a book of their own. It's a yearly task of great fun. Do a page or two monthly and by year's end you will have a great book of memories to submit.

The guideline reference page is found in your Administrative Procedures, Enclosure #10 2019. Don't forget to include that page/form in the front of your Memory Book for submission.

Please start now and by National Convention next year you will have an amazing Memory Book to be proud of and want others to see.

Semper Fi,

Colleen English

Memory Book Chairman

FORMS COMMITTEE



I am excited to be the new chair for the Forms Committee. I am going to spend the next few weeks looking over all the forms and getting to understand them. If anyone has any questions about a form, please let me know.

I look forward to serving Madam President and the Board of Directors in this position

Christy Ellis
Forms Chairman

Mary Brief
Member

Twila Gensel
Member

Thank you,
Christy Ellis
SE Division Assistant Vice President MCL Auxiliary

For questions, email Forms Chair Christy Ellis at cellismcla@gmail.com

Memorial Fund



I hope that you all had a wonderful time at MCL - MCLA 101st National Convention in Palm Springs, CA even if the temperatures were a tad warmer than I like. I am hoping that you all had a safe trip home!

As Chairperson of the Marine Corps Auxiliary's National Memorial Fund, I would remind you that there is always a continuing need for funds as we assist those who are in a difficult place. I know how difficult it is to lose a family member or a friend. A gift to our Memorial Fund in Memory of, or in Honor of those we love will allow us to assist Marines and their families who will benefit from our assistance.

From February 2024 through August 2024 the MCLA National Memorial Fund Committee has received numerous donations/memorials as well as the monies raised at the MCLA Memorial Fund Table at the National Convention in Palm Springs, CA. Thank you, everyone who participated in our Silent Auction.

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.

I would like to thank my committee members: Colleen English, Pauline Forsell, Mitzy Abeyta, Susan Douglas as well as well as Past National President Linda Chamberlain. Each of you have played a huge part in the success of this MCLA National Memorial Fund.

Thank you!

Semper Fidelis,

Jan Crowe

National Memorial Fund Committee Chairperson



Happy Birthday to our Fabulous Members with September Birthdays!

The MCLA Seal is a circular emblem. It features an eagle with its wings spread, perched on a globe. The words "MCLA" are prominently displayed in the center. Surrounding the central elements are the words "MIDWESTERN COUNCIL OF LAWYERS ASSOCIATION" and "FUNDING THE FUTURE".

2-Sep Judy Brown	17-Sep Martha Dee Branson
2-Sep Marilyn Durr	17-Sep Marlene Campos-Cannon
2-Sep Diane Phillips	17-Sep Catherine Murray
3-Sep Tonya Crosier	18-Sep Janice Hartley
5-Sep Joyce Schoch	19-Sep Colleen E Barnett
5-Sep Deborah Seymour	19-Sep Kathleen Cason
5-Sep Patricia Smith	19-Sep Kathleen M Deluca
6-Sep Kathy Monroe	20-Sep Pamela Sharp
8-Sep Helen Hill	20-Sep Vera Spicer
8-Sep Tawnia Rae Kamiakun	21-Sep Rebecca Allemand
8-Sep Dorcas Simpson	24-Sep Susan Jean Fry
9-Sep Janice Baker	24-Sep Elizabeth Leach
9-Sep Kimberly Sawatzki	26-Sep Maxine Hartwick
13-Sep Jordan Clemons	27-Sep Bonnie E Mauritz
14-Sep Kathleen Lee	28-Sep Leona Rowley
15-Sep Taryn Forman	29-Sep Patricia Mullins
15-Sep Gloria Kozlosky	29-Sep Susan Taleho
15-Sep Marion Marosevitch	30-Sep Eleanor Billadeau

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 sending an email to MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org.

MCLA Ship Store

Please welcome to our new Ship Store committee!
Coleen English, Ship Store Chair, usnblond57@gmail.com
Crystal Powers, Committee Member, Cpowers68@gmail.com
Ramona Smith, Committee Member, MCLAHQ@nationalmcla.org

If you have ideas of items you would like to see in the Ship Store please reach out to the committee to share.

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





**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**

2025 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Sheraton Pentagon City

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204
Phone: 703-521-1900 (Hotel)
or 800-325-3535 Reference National Marine
Corps League



2/27/2025 – 3/1/2025
(check-in 2/26, check out 3/2)

Hotel Rate: \$131 per night plus tax)

Reservation Deadline: February 4, 2025

Parking: On-site garage parking is \$10 per day,
Free shuttle to/from Reagan Airport (DCA)

Cancellation Policy: Any cancellations after
February 10, 2025, will forfeit the one-night deposit.

Other: Complimentary WIFI is included.

The hotel overlooks Arlington National Cemetery and is adjacent to Henderson Hall and the Fort Myer Exchange. The hotel has 4 double ADA rooms with 1 with a roll-in shower, and 10 King ADA with 3 with roll-in-showers. If ADA room is needed, call the reservation number.



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 11-15, 2025



HOST: MCL Department of Texas

HOTEL: Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport

RESERVATION PHONE #: 1-800-233-1234 (Reservations opened at 9 AM (Central Daylight Time) on Monday, August 19, 2024. Website: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DFWAP/G-MCL5> Block Code: G-MCL5

ROOM RATE: \$162/night includes taxes, breakfast for 2 and parking (RV parking is available at Terminal B at the airport) – Check in 3 PM, Check out 12 noon.

Each room features complimentary Wi-Fi, single cup Keurig coffee maker, mini refrigerator, and hair dryer.

AMENITIES: Fitness Center, Pool, On-site restaurants (including a coffee bar), Business Center, Pet Friendly Hotel. There is limited food delivery to the hotel.

Free shuttle from airport to hotel and from hotel to downtown Grapevine

Grapevine Main Street will offer Military Discounts or shoulder badge discount.

Events will be listed on the Website MCL250.org beginning Monday, August 19, 2024. Tickets will go on sale starting February 1, 2025. Tickets for all events can be purchased in one transaction.

They are planning both daily and evening events:

- **Cowboy BBQ Meet and Greet**
- **Daily trips to Grapevine & Arlington, TX**
- **National Medal of Honor Museum Banquet**
- **MODD/MODD Fleas Dinner & Silent Auction**
- **Convention Banquet**



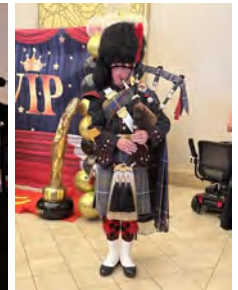
Updates will be published in the Newsletter as they are received. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain

**MCLA Convention Liaison
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Marine Corps League Auxiliary, National Convention Banquet - August 2024





Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Convention Flea Scratch - August 2024







Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Convention - August 2024

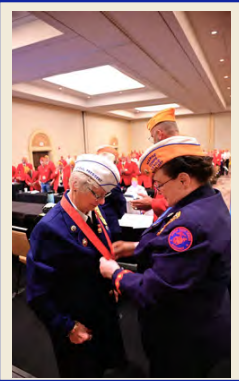




INSPIRATION



The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is proud to recognize the recipients of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Legion of Honor Humanitarian Awards.
Congratulations to all of our members!





M.C.L.A. Past President's Club



National Convention Past National President Luncheon

National Convention Bylaw Meeting





OPERATION LITTLE ANGEL



Presentation of the Lifetime Recruiting Award to PNP Evelyn Joppa



*Congratulations on the successful recruitment
of 52 new members and earning the
Gold Recruiter Star!*





Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Convention - August 2024

Many wonderful memories were made during this year's convention. Many of our members enjoyed adventuring around Palm Springs, including trips to Downtown, Los Angeles, Mt. San Jacinto State Park, and the Air Museum!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PNP EVELYN B. JOPPA

Libby Ann Cerny

Libby was a beloved Member at Large. She passed away November 24, 2021, in Humboldt County, CA. She is survived by her son Tony.



Elaine (Landis) Simpson

The last living Charter Member of the Landis-McCleaf Unit, and beloved daughter to Ralph Landis, passed away August 4, 2024. Cards of condolence may be sent to her goddaughter, Tracy Hershey, at 122 Garman Dr, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

June Glaser

Mrs. June A. Glaser, age 95 of Jefferson City, Mo. and Central Missouri Life Member, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2023. She is survived by her three sons Robert, Richard, and Randall.



Julia Smith

A member of ALL Divisions Unit passed away on November 4, 2020. Regrettably, we received news of her passing late, however we honor the service she gave to all. Blessings to her family and friends as they remember them.

Mary "Colleen" Bonner

Colleen was a beloved Member at Large. She passed away November 1, 2019, at age 89, in Eureka, CA. She is survived by her son Daniel.



Chaplain's Corner Notes

The air will soon be crisp, our feet will crunch fallen leaves everywhere we wander, and the sky will just look bluer as soon as fall is in full swing.

Members in Need of Tender Loving Support

Pauline (Polly) lost her Marine, Donald E. Amsinger, age 92, of Osage Beach. A member of the Samuel F Gerhart Det. Missouri, he passed away on July 18, 2024, at Lake Regional Health System. Condolences to Polly and family at 5286 Gamble Cir., Osage Beach, MO 65065.

Ann LeClaire lost her son right before convention and left convention for his memorial service. Condolence cards may be sent to her and the family at 5283 W Wilson Rd., Clio, MI 48420.

Antonio Hurtado lost her son-in-law during convention. Condolences to her and her family at 2721 Johanna St., Corpus Christi, TX 78415.

Marti Kline's husband George underwent surgery recently. Well wishes may be sent to 9804 NE 40th Ave., Mitchellville, IA 50169.

Cindy Stettler received a liver transplant. Cards may be sent to 275 Stonehenge Dr., Providence, UT 84332.

Peggy Meyer has recently undergone surgery. Cards may be sent to 304 Hart St., Essexville, MI 48732.

Thinking of you cards for long time member Tommie Coleman, 5419 S Huron Way, Littleton, CO 80120.

Barb Shearer is currently battling cancer. Thinking of you cards may be sent to 7560 Stuart St., Westminster, CO 80030.

Diane Napoli Paul, All Divisions Unit member, PA, had knee replacement surgery July 8th. Cards of cheer may be sent to her at 29 Brookside Dr., Feasterville, PA 19053.

Keep Judy Brink of the Rocky Mountain Diamonds Unit in your prayers as she broke her heel and is in a walking boot. Well wishes may be sent to 11383 W 53rd Pl., Arvada, CO 80002.



Chaplain's Corner Notes

Carrie McIntosh lost her brother last week. He passed away in Virginia, but will be buried in Salem County, NJ. Condolences may be sent to 451 Fort Mott Rd., Pennsville, NJ 08070.

Diane Napoli Paul had knee surgery recently. Cards may be sent to 29 Brookside Dr., Feasterville, PA 19053.

I.J. Duffy Hines is in a VA hospital with health issues. Cards of cheer may be sent to James E. VanZandt Medical Center, Room 507, Altoona, PA 16602.

Karen Francis sustained a fall and a fractured elbow on Friday at the National Convention. If you wish to send words of healing or thoughts and prayers, her address is 1535 Ridge Rd., Jackson, MO 63755.

PNP Jackie Hunter could use some cheer, she just lost her only Aunt. Condolences may be sent to 1820 Bald Hill Rd., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Rosemary Koontz is in the hospital and needs some cheer. Cards may be sent in care of Elizabeth Koontz 1604 Suth Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21230.

Central Missouri Unit long time member Barb Diemler has had a fall and broke her arm. She is a card maker and scrapbooker, so you know she is having a hard time right now. Prayers and cards would be appreciated. 9912 W Taron Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95757.

Southwest Division Vice President Shannon Lopez is in dire need of prayers. She was in the emergency room recently with Covid induced pneumonia. PTL she is young and healthy to withstand the illness. Cards may be sent to 3578 Stanford Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406.

Donna Rae Smith is currently in the emergency room with an allergic reaction to a Flu shot. Your cards of care and cheer would be appreciated! They may be sent to 7620 Independence Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80920.



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