

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

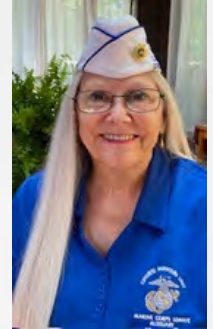


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National President Dotty Sanning



A Convention to Remember!

What an extraordinary time we shared at this year's National Convention in Texas! My heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to ensure we had everything we needed—both for business and for pleasure. I am especially proud of the Auxiliary's strong presence at morning colors each day. Even those watching from a balcony were counted, making it a truly unifying and dignified start to our sessions, filled with respect and devotion to our nation.

When business concluded each afternoon, convention attendees had several opportunities to explore Grapevine's attractions, experience Texas hospitality, and build new friendships. I am certain our Convention Committee and the hotel staff are breathing a well-deserved sigh of relief, knowing their dedication resulted in such a successful event.

It is my honor to begin a second term as National President, continuing the important work we have started. Together, we will press forward on key projects, including reformatting the Bylaws and updating our website. I am grateful to the many dedicated ladies who have stepped into new leadership roles and wish them every success. I am equally appreciative of those who have transitioned to other positions yet continue to support us in vital ways. Please encourage and support your new officers as they grow into their responsibilities and assist them whenever you can. We may not always get everything right, but by striving together, we will grow stronger and more effective.



This year's convention carried special meaning as we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. I hope you enjoyed the different ways we honored this milestone throughout the week. We also shared meaningful moments for our Auxiliary family - welcoming a new member from Indiana and signing the charter for the Muskegon MCLA Unit in Michigan. Equally inspiring was the opportunity to welcome our Auxiliary sisters from the Marine Corps League into our meetings, reminding us that—whether League or Auxiliary—we are united by shared purpose and lasting friendships.

As you return home to your Divisions, Departments, and Units/Detachments, I encourage you to carry forward the knowledge gained and the connections formed at convention. Let this gathering be a reminder that wherever we meet, we are part of something greater: a family built on service, camaraderie, and support. Together, we can continue to make meaningful changes for the better.

Dotty Sanning

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A Note from President Sanning

One of the great strengths of our organization is the willingness of members to step forward and serve. It is always exciting when more than one candidate is nominated for an important leadership role. At our recent National Convention in Texas, questions were raised about the rules we follow during elections, so I would like to offer some clarification.

Yes—we do follow Robert's Rules of Order. Both our National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures make this very clear:

NATIONAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE TWO

SECTION 220 - BOARD MEETINGS –

(B) The conduct of business at all National Board Meetings shall be governed by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures; parliamentary reference shall be Robert's Revised Rules of Order.

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SECTION 215 - RULES OF ORDER - The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall govern the procedures and conduct of each National Convention. The Parliamentary reference for conventions shall be Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised).

NATIONAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE ONE

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

SECTION 125 - ELECTION –

(A) The election of the National Officers shall be the last order of business of the National Convention. The election of the National President, National Senior Vice President, National Junior Vice President and National Judge Advocate shall be by Roll Call vote, in this order, properly recorded. If only one nomination is made for the office, the Secretary may cast a unanimous vote for the office. When two or more nominations are made for the same office, the election may be by Roll Call vote or secret ballot. Motion must be made prior to starting election of officers.

In summary: Elections may be conducted either by Roll Call vote or secret ballot—not both. While the outcome of our recent elections would likely have been the same regardless of the method, the experience has served as a learning opportunity for all of us.

Our officers have now been duly elected and installed. It is time for us to move forward - united in our mission. Let us devote our energy to strengthening our Auxiliary, supporting one another, and ensuring the continued growth and success of our organization. Remember: if you want to have a good Auxiliary sister, you must first be a good Auxiliary sister.





Marine Corps League Auxiliary, National Convention Banquet - August 2025





From Ramona's Desk:

Hello Ladies,

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



Thank you to everyone who visited our Ship Store - sales were a huge success! 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



PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB DUES REMINDER

As of today, August 21, 2025, I have received very few Past President' Club Dues.

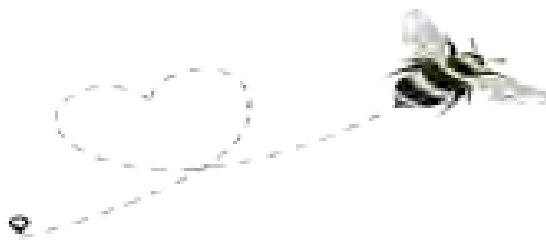
Thank You to those who have sent in their dues and to those who paid at the National Convention. By the time you read this notice you should have received your membership cards.

Checks should be made payable to:

Marine Corps League Auxiliary Past President's Club
c/o PNP Linda S. Chamberlain
156 Waverly Rd.
Southampton, PA 18966-3351

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at natlpresmcla22@gmail.com or phone/text at 215-485-3095.

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain
Treasurer



We had a great convention in Dallas Fort Worth Texas. I have been reelected as your National Sr. Vice President for another year. While there are many things to report on, I would like to let you know about my workshop that I held for the President's Council. This council is intended for all presidents regardless of which level; past, present and all future presidents. However, I feel my message is important for all members as we can all use reminders.

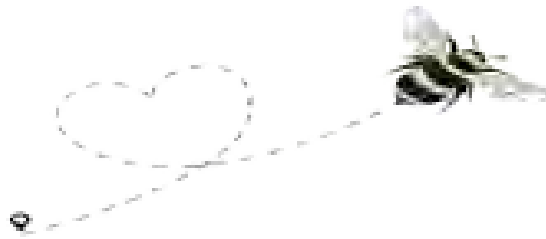
The workshop was started by reflecting on what this workshop has personally meant in the past, the theme that worked well when doing past meetings for Department Vice Presidents was "the bee".

A comparison was made between the strong characteristics of the bee and how they work for the betterment of the hive. The members in attendance learned that we need to be flexible, to move into different roles, be able to adapt to new ideas by rotating our ideas and how we look at them, creating friendships and lifting each other up, to join and unite.

We discussed further the need to be flexible and to adapt to new ideas, as some members and officers have been in the Auxiliary for many (many) years and sometimes stuck in doing things in a particular way. Current generations tend to want to approach things from a different perspective and this meeting was used to discuss the ways in which gaps can be closed (i.e., aligning values between generations, offering flexible options for meeting & volunteering, connecting with other generations by means of social media, etc.).

Also, discussed was creating friendships. It was stressed that we should not be judging one another but instead be embracing the unique traits everyone brings to the Auxiliary. We covered the 3:1 ratio which means for every one negative comment, sigh or a little eyeroll, it takes 3 positive actions to counteract that 1 negative. It was also discussed the importance of showing appreciation to each other from National to Division to Department and especially to our Unit levels.





Each attendee received a gift which had a tag, each was an affirmation and as unique as the individual who received it. Each member was asked to read their tag and explain how that specific saying on the card related directly to them. This was a great reminder of how we each have our special blessings which contribute to the whole.

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Cathy Rayl, the President of the Department of Michigan, from National Sr Vice Mary Brief, myself, for her inspiration and reminder of how important it is to recognize each member for the contributions that they bring to the MCLA. During Cathy's Unit Presidency, she presented Certificates of Appreciation for each member at the end of year, and she read a handwritten note specifying specifically what contributions that individual made during the past year for their Unit and how much she appreciated their contributions even if it was attending and participating in the monthly meetings. Her actions showed me that leading by example is more inspiring!

The meeting ended with the comparison of the MCLA to a marriage. "It takes work. It takes compromise. And it takes understating and appreciation of one another. If you don't have those things...someone gets hurt and leaves (the marriage and the Auxiliary)."

The final thought to keep the relationship strong was to... **Be the BEE – Bee flexible, Bee part of the hive and Bee SWEET –**

Semper Fidelis,
Mary Brief
National Senior Vice President



It was wonderful seeing so many MCLA friends and making new friends at the 2025 National Convention. I want thank you for reelecting me to my second term as your Jr Vice President and look forward to serving each of you.

Congratulations to our Recruiter of the Year, Dawn Muscarello, with 17 new members! I would like to encourage each of you to recruit one new member in the next year. Just think how our auxiliary could grow! When filling out that new membership application, **PLEASE make sure that the recruiter section is filled out.** We want the recruiters to be recognized for their good work. Always carry an application with you – you never know when you will meet a woman with a Marine in her life.

A bylaw change was made: To keep your members from being delinquent, transmittals must be sent to National by November 15th of the current year. Let's help your treasurer get this done by paying your dues as soon as possible. This change will also ensure that our National Secretary can get proper reports to the Board before Mid-winter Staff Meeting,

We all know about the Navajo Code talkers. While traveling home I had the opportunity to visit at Choctaw Cultural Center in Durant, OK, where I learned that they served as Code Talkers during WWI and the many ways that have served in and are serving in the Armed Forces today. It was very interesting and worth a stop.

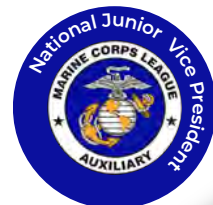
I wish each of your units a productive year and am here to help in any way I can.

Darlene MacCubbin, Junior Vice President

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The National Convention in Grapevine, TX was great! It was fantastic seeing many friends and making new ones. Thank you to all who attended.

Help new members feel welcome and learn about the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. I know of a Unit that gives every new member a vinyl folder with the MCLA Rituals, Department Bylaws, National Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, and Enclosures, all separated by tabs. They include the Ship Store catalog and ten "Who We Are" trifolds in the back pocket of the folder. A member explains each section with them and answers any questions the new member has.



Then, when the new National Bylaws, Administrative Procedures and Enclosures are sent out each year, every member updates their folder. Within a month or two of the new Bylaws, Administrative Procedures and Enclosures coming out, the Unit holds a refresher/training class. This helps everyone stay updated on all changes and answers any new questions they may have.

Not only have I answered questions regarding Bylaws, but many regarding Administrative Procedures and Rituals as well. Questions are very important!! This is how we learn. Please do not be afraid to ask questions!!

I am here for you and to help with any questions you may have.

Semper Fidelis

Donna Rae Smith

None of us is as smart as all of us. – Ken Blanchard



Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Convention Flea Scratch - August 2025





MCLA President's Council & Member Awards



*National Convention
Past National President Luncheon*



Our auxiliary has great representatives and deputies across the nation. Each of these representatives and their deputies help the local unit or department throughout the year. Thank you for the job well done.

The Annual Joint Review is due in October of every year. The representative of each VA must call the Chief of VAVS/CDCE to schedule the appointment for the review. Invite the deputy to join in this important review. The review includes all the things the department and unit/units have done for our veterans throughout the year at the VA or Clinics. It is an opportunity to set goals for the coming year. Keep a copy of your review. The review is required to be sent by the Chief at each VA Hospital to the National Representative of MCLA.

If you as an auxiliary member reside near a VA Hospital or Clinic and would like to volunteer reach out to your representative for the on boarding process. If you do not have a representative. I would like to help. My email is evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com. Or call 727-297-2149.

Helping our Veterans and service men and women is a lifelong passion with many wonderful adventures of hope and encouragement.

Semper Fidelis,

Evelyn Jeppa, National Representative

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

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.

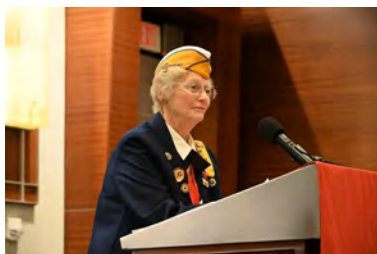
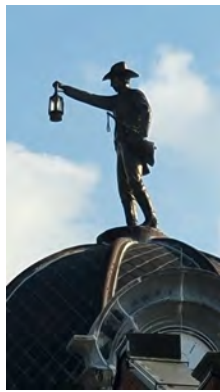
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Using Facebook to Showcase Our Auxiliary

Elizabeth J. LaPouttre,
Social Media Chair



Social media continues to be one of the most effective tools for sharing the mission and good work of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. When our Units highlight events, service projects, and community outreach online, it not only spreads awareness but also helps connect with new members and supporters.

To make the most of this platform, it's important that Units share their updates directly with the **National Auxiliary Facebook page**. The easiest way to do this is by sending your information and photos through **Facebook Messenger** to the National page. This ensures that your local stories can be amplified at the national level—shining a spotlight on all the incredible work being done across the country.

Looking ahead, I'll be offering a series of **online classes this year** on how to best utilize Facebook at all levels—beginner, intermediate, and advanced. These classes will cover everything from getting started with posts, to strategies for boosting engagement, and expanding your reach. Announcements and registration details will be shared through email, so please keep an eye on your inbox for these upcoming opportunities.

Together, we can use Facebook not just as a social tool, but as a powerful way to tell our Auxiliary's story to **keep our legacy strong, and ensure that future generations will be able to serve Marines, veterans, and their families.**

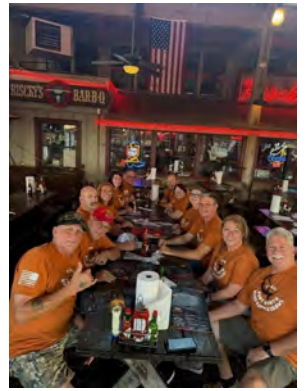
Happy Birthday to our Fabulous Members with August and September Birthdays!

1 Aug - Kelly Watson
1 Aug - Elizabeth Devine
2 Aug - Lonita Love
3 Aug - Barbara Dillingham
6 Aug - Teresa Todd
6 Aug - Clara Evans
7 Aug - Catherine Rayl
7 Aug - Tammy Quaife
7 Aug - Sydney Owens
8 Aug - Susan Huntz
8 Aug - Bobbi-Jo Dodson
9 Aug - Emily Wolf
10 Aug - Dorothy Sanning
11 Aug - Gloria Fortin
11 Aug - Judy Essick
11 Aug - Kathy Marler
11 Aug - Paula Radel
12 Aug - Patricia Devlin
12 Aug - Tracey Killinger
12 Aug - Judith Ann Wonderly
13 Aug - Cheryl Macke
13 Aug - Lorri Losey
14 Aug - Evelyn Joppa
15 Aug - Mary Hicks
15 Aug - Ashlea Ugofsky
17 Aug - Patricia Sanderson
17 Aug - Priscilla Reed
17 Aug - Michelle Hellmar
18 Aug - Nancy Pippin
19 Aug - Peggy Morse
20 Aug - Janet Junker
21 Aug - Mary K Brief

23 Aug - Linda K Rigg
23 Aug - Tenny Smith
25 Aug - Luanna Rice
25 Aug - Kristine Waechter
26 Aug - Malinda (Mindy)
Brandt (Hatch)
29 Aug - Barbara Sauer
29 Aug - Denise Hartman
30 Aug - Ginger Tremear
31 Aug - Mary Lee Kolich
31 Aug - Marylee Kolich
2 Sep - Diane Phillips
2 Sep - Marilyn Durr
3 Sep - Judy Brown
3 Sep - Delva N Lantrip
3 Sep - Tonya Crosier
5 Sep - Joyce Schoch
5 Sep - Patricia Smith
5 Sep - Deborah Seymour
6 Sep - Kathy Monroe
7 Sep - Shirly Powell
8 Sep - Lorraine Zizzo
8 Sep - Helen Hill
8 Sep - Dorcas Simpson
8 Sep - Tawnia Rae Kamiakun
9 Sep - Janice Baker
9 Sep - Anick Wallace
9 Sep - Kimberly Sawatzki
10 Sep - Jeannie Hom
10 Sep - Sherri Leyen
12 Sep - Breanna Witman
13 Sep - Jordan Clemons
14 Sep - Kathleen Lee

15 Sep - Elaine Lynch
15 Sep - Gloria Kozlosky
15 Sep - Marion Marosevitch
15 Sep - Taryn Forman
17 Sep - Martha Dee Branson
17 Sep - Catherine Murray
17 Sep - Marlene Campos-
Cannon
18 Sep - Janice Hartley
19 Sep - Kathleen M Deluca
19 Sep - Kathleen Cason
20 Sep - Vera Spicer
20 Sep - Pamela Sharp
21 Sep - Rebecca Allemand
21 Sep - Sandra Falter
24 Sep - Elizabeth Leach
24 Sep - Susan Jean Fry
24 Sep - Luann Miller
26 Sep - Maxine Hartwick
27 Sep - Bonnie E Mauritz
27 Sep - Lynnette Chambers
28 Sep - Rebecca Devlin
28 Sep - Betty Beverson
28 Sep - Leona Rowley
29 Sep - Susan Taleho
29 Sep - Patricia Mullins
30 Sep - Eleanor Billadeau
30 Sep - Sandra Prejean

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.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PNP EVELYN B. JOPPA

I said a prayer for you today. I asked the Lord to give you joy and confidence. Remember that God is with you on every step of your journey.

At the National Convention in Texas, we honored all our members who have passed to this date.

Many cards were signed by those present at the Convention and sent out to bring smiles and comfort to many members.

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



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