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Greetings Ladies

Planning for the best, doing your best, expecting the best brings amazing results! Keep up the wonderful things that are working for your unit and department. As I visited a unit last week, I observed that they are planning their activities months in advance. They have so many opportunities to volunteer going on all the time. I liked the fact that the president said "You are not expected to do everything but do what you can." It is easy in this day and time to overwhelm members with the guilt trip that they are not doing enough. We all must pick and choose between family, work, and our volunteering. Do what you can with joy and be proud of the results. Always remember to praise those who help.



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It was a special treat to be invited to join MCL National Commandant Johnny Baker and Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett at the Pentagon on September 8th to lay a wreath in remembrance of those lost on 9-11. The tour of the memorial was most touching.

I visited MCLA National Headquarters September 20-24 to assist our National Secretary, Ramona Smith. My purpose was to assist Ramona with materials from the Convention needing to be distributed to the members. It is mind boggling to see all she accomplishes with all the phone calls and ships store orders along with all the other work required to run the National Office.

Transmittals are arriving in the mail in large bunches this time of the year. My personal praise to the Department and Unit treasurers and the National Secretary for their hard work. Please remember to use the PO Box 3038, Stafford, VA when mailing items to the national office.

The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures have been approved, thanks to the wonderful work of our National Judge

National President continued

Advocate Mary Brief and the National MCL Judge Advocate Phil Zamora. The Convention Proceedings and Bylaws and Administrative Procedures changes have been emailed to the National Board of Trustees, Past National Presidents, Division Vice Presidents and their assistants, and Department and Unit Presidents. Department and Unit Presidents, please be sure to share all this information with your officers and members. There are a few Units that do not have email addresses. Those will be sent out by snail mail. Life Member distribution Department and Unit checks are being sent shortly.

It's October already! Where does the time go? This is a very busy time for most of us planning for conferences, staff meetings and fundraising events. The future is bright with opportunities. Think outside the box and share your successes.

On a fun note, I was invited to do a tour of the Lucy Burn Museum (91 Years of Prison History at Lorton) with Ramona's Army Spouse Club of the Greater Washington Area. Super group of ladies! This was particularly good for me as a history buff.

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

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

Evelyn Joppa

National President

FROM RAMONA'S DESK

Happy Fall, Y'all!

With the approval of the recent bylaw changes, it is now only required to send **two** copies of the transmittals, bonds, and coversheets to the Headquarters office. I will submit copies electronically to the required offices. This approved change not only increases our efficiency and accountability, but also saves money for each organization.

Ramona Smith, National Secretary

SR Vice President

Final Wishes

The recent death of a member of my Unit has prompted me to use “Final Wishes” as my article for this month. I realize this is something most of us do not want to think about or talk about, but ladies – it is reality. We have discussed this several times at our Department meetings, and maybe it is time to once again revisit this most sensitive subject.

Let me start by saying that, in my opinion, one of the greatest gifts my parents gave my siblings and me was to have all of their affairs in order and everything pre-planned. There was nothing we needed to do except contact their friends and sit with the funeral home to make the final arrangements.

We learned of the passing of our member via Facebook, which prompted the member who saw the post to contact our Senior Vice, who then called me to ask if I was aware that Phyllis had passed. I said I was not but would try and find out something. I went on Facebook and added my condolences and requested her daughter contact me regarding the services for her mother. I checked the obituaries every day and there was nothing. I reached out to our Treasurer, who would occasionally bring Phyllis to meetings and our holiday and end-of-year dinner meetings and inquired if she knew if Phyllis’s son still lived in Yardley. She said as far as she knew, he did.

After our conversation she called the funeral home that had handled arrangements for Phyllis’s husband and learned that she had passed away at the beginning of August; there was no obituary; and the service was just held, since there was a three-week delay in burials at the National Cemetery. I found a phone number which I hoped was for her son and called and left a message asking him to return my call. When he finally called me back, he said he was on vacation and had just returned. I told him how sorry I and the rest of the Unit members were to learn of his mom’s passing and that we would have been there had we known. He thanked me and told me that the funeral was private and that his mom had told him on several occasions how the Auxiliary had reached out to her, offering rides to meetings and to let her know about our dinner outings.



Now, it may seem like I have been rambling, and maybe I have, but if our member had not seen the Facebook post, we would not have known of her death. Maybe Phyllis wanted something plain and simple and that’s fine, but the point I am trying to make is, it appears the family did not know who to contact to let us know of her passing. In conclusion, ladies, please add a member of your Unit to your “When my time comes who to contact list” so we can provide the Memorial (Burial) Service, if you so desire, or at least can send a card to your family.

Until next time, HAPPY FALL and HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Semper Fidelis

Linda S. Chamberlain National Senior Vice President

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Happy Oktoberfest!

As the mother of two daughters that live and work in Germany, this is a holiday tradition that we can enjoy together, while apart. In fact, there are a number of U.S. cities, particularly those with large German American populations that hold Oktoberfest festivals that are based on the original in Munich. Although they do feature beer and German food, these celebrations are even more importantly centered on reproducing the Bavarian sense of *gemütlichkeit*—cordiality. From watching the Dachsund races to sampling the sausages mit apfel, it is a good time to get together outdoors. Hmm – cordiality, fellowship, camaraderie, friendship, kind of a theme here.

Although October usually is not a month heavy with celebrations, it is sometimes perceived as a precursor to busier months. Nevertheless, this is still a busy time for unit and department treasurers and division vice presidents who are all working really hard to get transmittals turned in to our National Secretary, Ramona. And, in turn, Ramona is busy working her magic with the transmittals and the database so she can get the confirmations returned to everyone. ALL memberships expired August 31st and the transmittals are flowing in and out of the office, I imagine. Also, our Members-at-Large are sending in their dues to National Headquarters. Division Vice Presidents, if you have not received the number of transmittals that you should have, please offer assistance to the Departments as needed to accomplish this task. It would be outstanding to have all Units turn in transmittals by the deadline this year. Thank you to all of the units that have already turned in their transmittals. With this in mind, another important part of the transmittal is the N for New Member. Last year we gained some new members and I hope this trend continues.

I recently received a book entitled “Live and Learn and Pass It On” by H. Jackson Brown, Jr. When you see a sentence all by itself in italics over the next year you will know where it came from; I plan to share some of them with you throughout the year because that is what we do, ladies. We learn and pass it on to other members, prospective members, family and those in our communities.

I’ve learned that saying “hi” to somebody today can result in a new friend tomorrow.

Maybe that new friend will be on your next application form! I have attached the list of those members who recruited one new member last year. If your name is not on this list but you did recruit a new member please contact me so we can figure out why your name did not show up. Every now and then recruiters forget to put their name on the application form, or possibly you used a shortened version of your name vice what is listed for your own membership or maybe we spelled it wrong. With this in mind, I also have to remember to list my name as Dorothy instead of Dotty on the applications I hand out.

Semper Fidelis,

Dotty Sanning

National Junior Vice President

Kudos to all of these recruiters!

Recruiter 2021	Division	# Recruited
ADINA MAYER	Central	1
ANNE BIRD	Northeast	1
CINDY BURGESS	Southeast	1
DARCY ANDERSON	Rocky Mountain	1
DORCAS SIMPSON	Southern	1
JAN CROWE	Midwest	1
JANELL MILLER	Midwest	1
JOY MILLER	Mideast	1
JULIE NEIRA	Southeast	1
KAREN NEARY	Northeast	1
KATHY HOFFMAN	Northeast	1
KIMBERLY SAWATZKI	Central	1
LORI ANN STARK	Midwest	1
LORI GRUSE	Central	1
MARILYN NEW	Midwest	1
NANCY MELTON	Southeast	1
NORINE ROSETTI	Mideast	1
OPAL SPATZ	Northwest	1
PAT WALKER	Mideast	1
PATRICIA JONES	Mideast	1
PATTI MORGAN	Central	1
PAULA LANDERS	Central	1
RAELENE PENMAN	Rocky Mountain	1



National Judge Advocate

This time of year, so many changes are happening. We are transitioning from Summer to Fall and getting ready for Winter. Many Units are holding election of officers, and all paperwork needs to be in order before the end of the calendar year. Which lends a few questions to be posed.

Has your 990 been filed?

Has the Bond been paid?

Has the Incorporation been renewed?

(Not every state requires it yearly, but some do)

I want everyone to understand that the payment and filing of the 990, Bond, and Incorporation renewal needs to be announced at your monthly meeting and entered into the minutes. This ensures all of your membership is aware of the status of the Unit or Department. In addition to this paperwork, an audit of the Treasurer books needs to be performed and reported to the membership PRIOR to Installation of Officers. Be sure to plan accordingly so this is done properly.

The dates of these filings, as well as your proper EIN number needs to be on the Installation of Officer report that is sent into the Department and Unit Secretary, Division Vice President, and National Headquarters. Even though the Department President is not listed as needing to get a copy of this form, I personally recommend it. This way she has the most up-to-date information at her fingertips for communication and verification purposes. This form (enclosure #6) is typically filled out by the Treasurer and verified by the Installing Officer.

As the newly elected President chooses her installing team, proper etiquette suggests that she ask the Department President to do the honors. This serves a two-fold purpose. First, the Department President will be aware of who the incoming officers are for communication. Second, it allows the Unit members the ability to get know their Department President better. This relationship building is the first step in building a stronger Department. Usually, the newly installed Unit President presents her installing team with a small token of appreciation. This may be a small and thoughtful gift.

Now while the invitation should go out to the Department President, it is not always feasible for her to travel, so she may have to decline. In the event the Department President must decline the invitation to install your Unit Officers, it is acceptable to ask other Department, Divisional, or National Officers that live in your area to fulfill that duty.

As our seasons are changing, remember to embrace the unique beauty that comes with those changes, whether it be weather or newly installed officers.

Semper Fidelis,

Mary Brief

National Judge Advocate





**FROM THE SHIPS STORE - PLEASE HELP US HARVEST SOME OF OUR INVENTORY TO
MAKE ROOM FOR NEW ITEMS AT MID-WINTER IN NORFOLK, VA.**



**Tunic Long Sleeve
On Sale for \$21
Limited sizes available**



Garment Bags—\$31



String Bags— On Sale for \$6

Insulated Water Bottles—\$10



**Be prepared for meetings
Rituals—\$5
Roberts Rules of Order—\$2.50
Do's and Don'ts—\$3**

**Thank you for all of your support. On behalf of the Boo Crew, OOPS, I mean the
Ships Crew we wish you a SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN.**

Judy, Debby, Mitzy and Patti

National Chaplain
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PHYLLIS TUSTIN - ALL DIVISIONS UNIT, PA. * AUGUST 7, 2021

DOROTHY NORRIS - WEST HUDSON UNIT, NJ.* AUGUST 8, 2021

DOROTHY H BELAIR - BRATTELBORO UNIT, VT. *APRIL 19, 2021

DELORES V. HARRISON- KENTUCKIAN UNIT, KY. FEBRUARY 3, 2016

HELEN E ROSE- KENTUCKIAN UNIT, KY. * APRIL 19, 2015

Nina Brouillette lost her husband. Cards of condolence may be mailed to her at 23480 Lonstar Road, Wheatland, MO 65779. Nina is a member at large.

Central Missouri Unit member, Rita Schulte will need our powerful prayers for some days to come. Rita was in a serious one car accident that left her with many broken bones and broken ribs. Surgeries on those broken ankles and legs will take time. Cards of encouragement and cheer may be mailed to- 10709 Bryan Road, Centertown, MO 65023-3222.

Mitzy Abeyta needs our prayers again as her husband is back in the hospital with seizures. Steve had been doing so well, so as you can imagine, Mitzy needs our good thoughts at this time. Cards of cheer for both, 445 Dennis St. Monte Vista, CO. 81144-1179.

Linda Blair, From the River Valley Claude Rodgers Unit in Arkansas, lost her husband. Cards of condolence may be sent to her at- 2109 West Graphic Road, Mountainburg, AR. 72946-3703.

Larry Nehring Unit member from Des Moines, Iowa, LaJean Reed lost her husband Mike to a very sudden stroke. Cards of condolence may be mailed to her at- 1608 York Street, Des Moines, Iowa. 50316.

Judy Brink, from the Colorado Rocky Mt. Diamonds Unit after a pet scan got the wonderful news she is Cancer FREE. Cards of cheer for her may be mailed to Judy Brink, 6715 W 80th Cr. Arvada, CO. 80003-2022.

My thanks to members for the cheerful cards after my last fall. I am now wearing a temporary bridge and hopefully the permanent one will go in before the birthday ball. But in any event, I will have my two new front teeth before Christmas.

As always keep our members in your thoughts and prayers as we never know what someone else going is thought quietly.

I AM ASKING GOD TO LIFT THE HEAVINESS AND TO FILL YOU WITH LIGHTNESS AND JOY TODAY. IT IS HIS PROMISE TO YOU. Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Fall Blessings, PNP Barb Nobile

Headquarters Project

“Count Your Blessings”

TOTAL July 1st to Present: \$596

<https://nationalmclahq.square.site/>

Thank you for your generosity,

The National Headquarters Committee



Rocky Mountain Div Vice President Mitzy Abeyta

I would first like to start out by congratulating the new Pikes Peak Unit that is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This has been a long time coming. This Charter will be Presented at the Department of Colorado Staff meeting on October 23, 2021. We will also be installing the new Unit's Officers, any other Units that need to be installed as well. Make sure that all Units have held your elections of Officers for this upcoming year 2021 – 2022 and all are a member in good standing.

I hope that everyone has started thinking about getting their 990 and Incorporation finished and turn a copy into your Department treasurer or if you don't have a Department sending a copy too National. Remember this needs to be done every year.

I would like to see the Rocky Mountain Division grow in Membership as well as getting more involved in our communities, with the Girl Scouts, Young Marines, Fisher House and Veteran programs, at your VA Hospital and Blood drives.

The Rocky Mountain Division stands with 5 Units in Colorado, 2 Units in Utah we can grow and have fun at the same time. I wish all Units a successful upcoming year and may all grow in Membership.

Thank you, the Membership of the Rocky Mountain Division for this opportunity to be your voice and look forward assisting all of you. I am just a phone call or Email away.

Mitzy Abeyta

Rocky Mountain Division VP

Debby Krueger

Rocky Mountain Division Asst VP



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.

I live in a comfortable house or apartment	50 cents	_____
I have ____ Tv's	50 cents	_____
I have ____ automobiles	50 cents	_____
I have a dishwasher or a husband that does dishes	50 cents	_____
I have a washer & dryer	50 cents	_____
I have ____ cat/dog/bird	50 cents	_____
I am a Veteran	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Mother and/or Father	\$1.00	_____
I have/had a loving Spouse	\$1.00	_____
I have ____ siblings	50 cents	_____
I have ____ children	50 cents	_____
I have ____ grand/ great grandchildren	50 cents	_____
I have served in an office in the Auxiliary	\$1.00	_____
I have ruined dinner and had to order out	50 cents	_____
I have had my COVID Vaccine	\$1.00	_____
I try to make everyday a good day	\$1.00	_____
I am grateful for my Auxiliary Sisters	\$1.00	_____
I exercise at least once a week	50 cents	_____
I have donated to the less fortunate	50 cents	_____
I have had my annual physical	50 cents	_____
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

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