

#### Thursday, June 17, 2021 President's Council 0930:

SVP PNP Ruth Moyse spoke on the workings of Zoom and Zoom protocol.

# June 17, 2021 MCLA Department Convention:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President Karen Mastriania according to ritual. Chaplain PDP Syd Minchin opened the Bible and gave the opening prayer. Chaplain PDP Syd Minchin draped the Charter in respect for our deceased members. Americanism Chair PDP Twila Gensel led the group in the salute to the flag.

Purpose of the MCLA – read by SVP PNP Ruth Moyse Eligibility of the MCLA – read by acting JVP Andrea Accardi

# **Distinguished Guests in Attendance:**

National Senior Vice President – PDP Linda Chamberlain PNP – Ruth Moyse Northeast Division VP – PDP Syd Minchin

# **Filling of Empty Chairs:**

Andrea Accardi will be filling the chair of Junior Vice for Sharon Hanna Faith Hartman will be filling the chair of Captain of the Guard Donna Neidig will be filling the chair of auditor Liesa Schmaltz

#### **Rules of Convention:**

The Rules of Convention were read by Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel who then moved that the Rules be Adopted; Adoption of the Rules was seconded by PNP Ruth Moyse. There being no discussion. **The Motion Passed** 

Past Department Presidents (PDP) in attendance were asked to stand and be recognized: PDP Twila Gensel, PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse, PDP Sydney Minchin, PDP Pat Engel, PDP Linda Chamberlain and PDP Teena Foster.

## Roll Call of Officer's, Chairpersons and Units:

Roll call was taken.

# **Credential Report by Outer Guard PNP Ruth Moyse:**

Delegates 14
Alternates 1
Members 0
Guest 0
Total 15



## Reading of the March 21, 2021 Minutes:

PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. PDP Teena Foster seconded the motion. There being no discussion. **The Motion Passed**. There being no errors, omissions or corrections, **The Minutes were approved as printed**.

## **Bills presented:**

PDP Linda Chamberlain - \$37.35 mailing of transmittals, and checks to PDP Hoffman for signature for the  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  quarters and \$158.89 for the purchase of Zoom. The bills will be referred to the auditors for approval.

# **Treasurers Report – read by PDP Linda Chamberlain:**

The Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year was on the table as well as the journal pages for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The report for the period March 19, 2021 through June 15, 2021 was read. Treasurer Chamberlain also gave the Morgan Stanley report as of May 31, 2021 and indicated that Tom McIlwee would probably give a more up to date report when he spoke with the body. There being no questions the report will be filed for audit.

## **Chaplains Report - PDP Sydney Minchin:**

Only the Southeast and Central District's reported deaths over the past two years. Chaplain Minchin reminded everyone to send her information if they are aware of anyone who is sick or in distress. During the past two years we have lost four (4) National Commandants, Richard Gore, Pat Cody, Jim Laskey, and Lamar Golden. PNP Moyse mentioned that some of the newer members (on the League side) do not know some of the older members who are sick or who have passed away and therefore nothing is communicated to the membership. Our National Chaplain does a good job of keeping us apprised, and if requested would probably include the League of notifications when appropriate.

# Members Sick in Distress or Deployed:

PNP Ruth Moyse reported Smedley Butler President Evelyn Brimble is having a Shingles flair up. PDP Twila Gensel reported on Susquehanna Valley Unit members Libby Knapp, who sends her regards and is anticipating having shoulder surgery sometime in the future, Nancy Lobao, who has been visiting family in PA for the past few weeks will be relocating to Texas, and Pauline Roberts sends greetings to everyone and is doing well defying the expectations of the Doctors but, who is mostly homebound. Joanne Brown reported Chester County Unit member Debby Allen will be having surgery. Madam President thanked everyone for their cards following her back surgery, and reported every day is a challenge with her father whose dementia is worsening. Madam President also reported on Lancaster County Unit member Vonnie Pisani who will probably be relocating to Virginia in the next month. PDP Linda Chamberlain requested prayers for All Divisions Unit Member Patty Lewis who has several health issues with the most recent being Addison's Disease, and Jacque Trainor who recently had knee replacement surgery and should be joining us tomorrow.



#### **Communications:**

- ➤ Thank you notes from PNP Carol Smith, Memorial Fund Chair, for our donations made to the MCLA Memorial Fund in 2019 and 2020.
- ➤ Thank you note William Miller, MCL Foundation Treasurer for our donation to the Scholarship fund in June, 2020.
- ➤ Thank you note from Tom Hazlett, Executive Director United States Marines Youth Foundation for our donation to the Tree of Light in December, 2020
- ➤ Katy Dilling, PA Soldiers & Sailor's Home for our Christmas Gift for our adopted Veteran, John McCray
- > Thank you note from Madam National President Evelyn Joppa for our National President's Gift Donation.

# Officers Reports (written or oral):

The following Officers Reports were presented: President, Karen Mastriania SVP, PNP Ruth Moyse, JA PDP Twila Gensel, Central District Vice President Karen Mastriania, and Southeast District Vice President Harriet (Terry) Souder. Madam President read the reports of JVP Sharon Hanna, and A motion was made by PNP Ruth Moyse to receive the President's Report and all Reports that follow into record, seconded by PDP Linda Chamberlain. **The Motion Passed.** 

#### **Comments:**

## **Convention Guest;**

National Senior Vice President, Linda Chamberlain announced that she would not be seeking the nomination for National President this year as all of the Officers agreed to remain in their current positions as they were not nominated, elected or installed for the current year due to COVID and the cancellation of the 2020 National Convention. SVP Chamberlain also reported that Zoom has been used by the National Officers frequently during the past year to conduct business as necessary. Finally, as the National 990 Chair SVP Chamberlain reminded everyone that July 1<sup>st</sup> was just around the corner and to get their 990's done. Anyone having questions or needing assistance filing their 990 are asked to contact Linda either via email or phone and she will be more than happy to help.

#### **Unit Reports (written or oral):**

All Divisions (PDP Linda Chamberlain)
Chester County (Joanne Brown)
General Smedley D. Butler (Read by the Secretary)
Keystone Headquarters (PNP Ruth Moyse)
Lancaster County (Karen Mastriania)
Landis-McCleaf (PDP Kathy Hoffman)
Susquehanna Valley (PDP Twila Gensel)

# 2020 -2021 Budget Review: Treasurer PDP Linda Chamberlain

The report shows the actual figures as of June 15, 2021 which was the date the report was prepared. Any monies collected here at the Convention for the scholarship fund, are not reflected on the report. Our current net ordinary income will change once the 50/50 monies and



any scholarship donations made during the Convention are deposited. All necessary checks to be paid for this (FY) Fiscal Year will be cut prior to the close of the Convention. A final 2020-2021 budget will be presented at the October Members Meeting.

# **Proposed Budget for 2021-2022**

The proposed 2020-2021 Budget was distributed and reviewed. The proposed income and proposed expenses for FY 21-22 were reviewed. The current proposed Budget reflects a minus bottom line (net ordinary income). The proposed Budget will be voted on later in the week

# **Guest Speaker Tom Mcllwee Morgan Stanley:**

Tom reviewed our Asset Allocation for the General Account as of May 31, 2021. Our Equities (Stocks) are at 65.3%, Our Fixed Income (Bonds) is at 30.6%, and cash is at 4.2%. For the Mary Cody Fund the Fixed Income is 35.8%nd 64.2% Equities, total Portfolio.

# **Committee Reports:**

## Scholarship Liaison: Madam President Karen Mastriania

A total of 107 applications were submitted for 2020, with only 83 Scholarships being awarded. Checks were mailed out by January 28, 2021. There were 57 applications submitted for 2021. Enrollment verification letters are due by December 31, 2021 and must be received before any check can be awarded. The names of the Scholarship recipients will be posted on the website following the Convention. Applications for the 2022 Scholarships will be on the website as of February 1, 2022. President Mastriania is looking for an Auxiliary Member interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee for the upcoming fiscal year, anyone interested please let Madam President know as soon as possible.

#### **Scholarship Donations:** PNP Ruth Moyse

Donations were made in memory of Patty Kiernan, Rod Bulger, Tom Minchin, Nona Williams, William Zlupko, Peg Curley, Nancy Stanley, John Mastriania and all departed friends. Donations were made in honor of Evelyn Brimble, Linda Chamberlain, Terry Souder, Joanne Bryan, Sandra Krautheim, PNP Ruth Moyse, members of the General Smedley D. Butler Unit, All Divisions Unit, Installed Officers and all MCLA Members. The Donation Chair requests when making a donation you use the form (available on the back table) to ensure proper posting of your donation. PNP Moyse also mentioned the acknowledgement cards need to be redone. Presently there are four (4) different acknowledgement cards PNP Moyse is proposing to establish using just two (2) cards. The verbiage for the new cards was presented. PDP Linda Chamberlain made a motion to accept the proposal for the two (2) new cards, PDP Syd Minchin seconded the motion. There being no discussion **THE MOTION PASSED**.

# Membership/Unit Strength Repot: SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse

As of June 10, 2021 we have 435 members in the Department.

Regular Members	145
New Regular Members	5
Life Members	204
New Life Members	3
Associate Members	66



New Associate Members	1
Associate Life Members	11
New Associate Life	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	435

#### Ways & Means:

President Mastriania read JVP Hanna's Report

- ➤ Sales of the 2021 calendars were down this year due to the Pandemic. We did however manage to sell the remaining 66 calendars. JVP Hanna purchased 3 and President Mastriania purchased the remainder and donated them to TLC for the residents. Two (2) checks will be turned over to the Treasurer for the 66 calendars.
- ➤ Purchase of the 2022 calendars is on hold until the purchase is voted on at the Convention. If approved, 100 pocket and 50 desk calendars will be ordered and will be available at the October meeting. Please let the JVP know if you would like calendars set aside for you or your Unit.
- ➤ The 50/50 drawings will be held daily in the Hospitality Room tonight (Thursday) and Friday at 9 PM. Saturday's drawing will be held at noon.

#### **Girl Scouts:** PDP Syd Minchin

There has been no response to the many messages left for the staff of the Heart of Pennsylvania Girl Scout Council, and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Council has had a change in staff and have shown no interest in our Girl Scout Gold Award Program. PDP Minchin said she would continue to try and contact these two councils.

## **MODDF**: Big Flea PDP Syd Minchin

We have 3 initiates for tonight's Scratch. Initiates are asked to return to our meeting room after today's luncheon to pick up their goodie bags. The Scratch will take place at 7 PM tonight in our meeting room – dress casual.

#### **Announcements:**

➤ President Social will be at 1:00 P.M at John's Diner. The director from Bethesda Mission will be joining us to explain their programs.

The Bible was closed and the Meeting ended to reconvene at 09:00 on June 18, 2021 at the Joint Opening Ceremony

#### Friday, June 18, 2021 Joint Opening Session 9:00 AM:

Distinguished Guests:

National NE Division VP PDP Sydney Minchin

Northeast Division Vice Commandant Mike Waluk

National MCL Commandant Dennis Tobin

MCLA Department of PA Guest National Senior Vice President Linda Chamberlain

59<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog CDD Tom Hazlett

MODD Pack Leader PDD Joe Kier

MODDF Big Flea PDP Sydney Minchin



MCLA Department of PA President Karen Mastriania MCL Department of PA Commandant Bob Ziltz

The Joint Opening Prayer was given by the MCL Department of PA Chaplain Terrie Henrickson

Distinguished guests were introduced and spoke briefly.

Announcement: Following the Joint Opening a Memorial Service honoring the members we have lost this past year will be held.

MCL Department of PA Chaplain Terrie Henrickson gave the closing prayer.

## **June 18, 2021 MCLA Department of PA Convention:**

Meeting was called to order at 1330 according to ritual.

# **Credential Report by Outer Guard PNP Ruth Moyse:**

Delegates 22
Alternates 3
Members 0
Guest 0
Total 25

# **Remarks by PDP Kathy Hoffman:**

Happy to be in attendance.

#### Chapel of Four Chaplains: PDP Tracey Killinger

No nominations received. PDP Syd Minchin gave an overview of the Chapel of Four Chaplains and the awards given. You do not need to be a MCL or MCLA member to receive the award. Anyone can nominate someone but only a Chapel Award recipient can submit the nomination.

#### **MODDF**: Big Flea PDP Syd Minchin

A very successful Scratch was held. We had 3 initiates. Donations were given to the Scholarship Fund, Bethesda Mission, Memorial Fund and Operation Little Angel. Next year's Big Flea will be Linda Chamberlain

#### Convention Committee Report: President Karen Mastriania

- ➤ The 2022 Department Convention will be in a different location
- ➤ A location for the January 2022 Members Meeting is being researched.
- ➤ Seating for the banquet will be 6 to a table. Appetizers will be served at 5:30, and there will be no cash bar. There will be two cakes for dessert one chocolate and one vanilla decorated with the MCL Logo and MCLA logos.
- ➤ There are five (5) potential locations for the 2023 National Convention. Tulsa Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, PA., Las Vegas, NV, San Diego, CA and Albany, NY.
- ➤ The National Convention is August 9-13, 2021 in Springfield, IL at the Wyndham Springfield City Center.



- ➤ The October, 2021 Members Meeting will be October 15-16 at Headquarters Building Fort Indiantown Gap, Hotel will be the Days Inn in Jonestown
- ➤ The January, 2022 Members Meeting will be January 13-15, location TBA at the October Meeting.
- ➤ The National Mid-Winter Convention will be February 24-26, 2022 at the Sheraton Waterside, Norfolk, VA
- ➤ The March, 2022 Members Meeting will be March 18-19 at Headquarters Building Fort Indiantown Gap, Hotel will be the Days Inn in Jonestown
- ➤ The 2022 Department Convention will be June 15-19, location TBD.
- ➤ The 2022 National Convention will be in Daytona Beach, FL
- ➤ Delegate registration fees will be going up in 2022, \$10 pre-registration and \$15 at the door.

# **Department of Pennsylvania MCL Commandant:** Commandant Bob Ziltz

Commandant Ziltz presented Madam President with a check from the League to support the Auxiliary. He thanked us for all we do and our support. Blinds have been installed on the window of the upper deck at Headquarters to help when streaming meetings. Commandant Ziltz stated he will be the Chair of the Convention Committee.

#### **Nominations of Officers:**

Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel read the Officer's qualifications and opened nomination for Officers:

- ➤ Department President: PNP Ruth Moyse nominated Karen Mastriania. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. Karen Mastriania accepted the nomination.
- ➤ Department Senior Vice President: PDP Linda Chamberlain nominated PNP Ruth Moyse. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. PNP Ruth Moyse accepted the nomination.
- ➤ Department Junior Vice President: President Karen Mastriania nominated Tammy Rivera. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. Tammy Rivera accepted the nomination via text, she will be in attendance tomorrow and will be asked to confirm her acceptance at that time.
- ➤ Department Judge Advocate: PDP Kathy Hoffman nominated PDP Tracey Killinger. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. PDP Tracey Killinger accepted the nomination.

#### **Election of District VP's:**

The members were instructed to break into District Caucuses for Election of District Vice Presidents.

#### Caucus results:

- ➤ Central District VP: PDP Kathy Hoffman, Landis-McCleaf Unit Assistant Central DVP: Anderea Accardi, Lancaster County Unit
- Southeast District VP: Harriet (Terry Souder), Upper Darby Unit Assistant SE District VP: Sandra Krautheim, Upper Darby Unit
- > Southwest District, Northwest and Northeast will remain vacant



# **NE Division Vice President Comments:**

Division Vice President Syd Minchin passed out the awards certificates she received for the Department and Units within the Department for 2019 and 2020. Certificates were presented to Landis-McCleaf, Susquehanna Valley, Upper Darby, General Smedley D. Butler and All Divisions.

There were four (4) attendees (all from Pennsylvania) at the Northeast Division Conference held on June 4-5, 2021. Division Vice President Minchin reported she was reelected as the Northeast Division Vice and PNP Ruth Moyse will be her Assistant.

# **Proposed Department Bylaw and Administrative Procedure Changes Review & Vote:** Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel

- ➤ ARTICLE One, SECTION 110 (Voting), SUB-SECTION None. <u>AMEND TO ADD</u>

  <u>SECTION D:</u> Should our organization succumb to a situation that prevents us from holding an in-person Convention and must utilize a program such as ZOOM, the voting process will be the same as referenced in current paragraphs (A-C); and Article 1, Section 135 Quorum shall also apply. <u>BRIEF:</u> This amendment will apply to Virtual Only Convention. The Judge Advocate moved that this change be accepted. PDP Linda Chamberlain, seconded the motion. There being no discussion The MOTION PASSED
- ➤ ARTICLE Two; SECTION 210 (Duties Board Members) PARAGRAPH C Department Junior Vice President SUB-Paragraph (3). <u>AMEND TO DELETE:</u> Subparagraph 3. <u>RATIONALE:</u> We need flexibility on time for sending (or not sending) out tickets. The Judge Advocate moved that this change be accepted. PNP Ruth Moyse, seconded the motion. There being no discussion The MOTION PASSED
- Article One; Section 130 Term of Office: <u>AMEND TO READ</u>: The Department Officers shall be elected for one (1) year and may succeed themselves in office for two additional years if elected: <u>RATIONALE</u>: 1. Given our current number of active members at the Department level, it has become necessary to propose this change to maintain our Department status. 2. The first year in office is a learning experience, the second year is when one thrives, and the third year would provide opportunities for mentoring and growth of ideas. The Judge Advocate moved that this change be accepted. SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse, seconded the motion. There being no discussion The MOTION PASSED
- ➤ Administrative Procedure SECTION 200 Meetings <u>AMEND TO READ</u>: The Department shall meet in Convention annually within the period May 1 to July 15 unless prevented by national emergency or other unpreventable causes. The time and place of the annual Convention will be as designated by the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Incorporated. Each Unit shall be provided written notification of the date and location at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled opening date of the Convention. The necessary Delegate forms must be submitted in accordance with the time frames outlined in the call to convention by the Department Secretary.
  <u>RATIONALE</u>: To conform to the National Bylaws, Article 4 Departments, Section 410 Meetings. The Judge Advocate moved that this change be accepted. Pam Beaver, seconded the motion. There being no discussion The MOTION PASSED



## **Committee Reports:**

Americanism – Report presented by PDP Twila Gensel: The Committee Chair needs to meet with 1 or 2 Units to review with them a change in their calculations due to mathematical errors. Six (6) Units reported. Certificates were presented to the following Units: All Divisions, General Smedley D. Butler, Keystone Headquarters, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleaf, and Susquehanna Valley.

Civics – Report presented by PDP Twila Gensel for Pauline Roberts: Six (6) Units reported activity. Certificates were presented to the following Units: All Divisions, General Smedley D. Butler, Keystone Headquarters, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleaf, and Susquehanna Valley. In addition, 24 pints of blood were donated from the six (6) reporting Units.

Girl Scouts – No Report

Rehabilitation – Report presented by PNP Ruth Moyse: Report is on file. Five (5) Units reported activity. Certificates were presented to the following Units: All Divisions, General Smedley D. Butler, Keystone Headquarters, Lancaster County, and Landis-McCleaf,

History Book – PDP Tracey Killinger reported the only book received was from the General Smedley D. Butler Unit.

Americanism Book – PDP Twila Gensel reported the only book received was from the General Smedley D. Butler Unit.

Recruiting Awards – Presented by Treasurer PDP Linda Chamberlain
There were a total of nineteen (19) new members recruited in 2020. The following members
each recruited one (1) new member: Evelyn Brimble, Pat Bulger, Polly Bush, Melissa
Eichelberger, PDP Teena Foster, Sandra Krautheim, Sandra O'Connor, Maurita Scola and Robin
Sheeran. Certificates were presented to the top two (2) recruiters:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Karen Mastriania – three (3) new members and;

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kathy Hoffman – six (6) new members

There were a total of five (5) new members recruited in 2021 by three (3) members. Certificates were presented to:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Karen Mastriania – one (1) new member and;

1<sup>st</sup> Place: PDP Kathy Hoffman and PDP Linda Chamberlain each with two (2) new members

#### **Unfinished Business:**

➤ 2022 Calendars. PDP Tracey Killinger asked how we did with the program this year. Madam President reported there were 66 calendars left. Sharon Hanna purchased three (3) and Madam President Mastriania purchased the remaining sixty-three (63) which she donated to TLC. The Treasurer will be receiving two checks one from Sharon Hanna and the other from Madam President. PDP Kathy Hoffman made a motion that the Department donate the calendars to TLC (Transitional Living Center), motion seconded



- by PDP Tracey Killinger, there being no discussion the **MOTION PASSED**. PDP Tracey Killinger made a motion we continue the program again this year and order 100 pocket and 50 desk calendars, PNP Ruth Moyse seconded the motion. There being no discussion the **MOTION PASSED**
- ➤ Zoom. The Board approved the purchase of Zoom in the amount of \$158.89. Zoom was ordered and purchased by the Treasurer using her personal credit card and has been reimbursed for the expense. A Zoom gmail account was set-up for the MCLA Department of PA. Zoom is ready to go when necessary. PNP Wheeler has agreed to assist the Secretary/Treasurer with any problems.

#### **New Business:**

PNP Moyse reported we have enough of the plastic badge holders but will need to order lanyards for next year. PNP Moyse made a motion to purchase 100 Navy Blue Lanyards at a cost of \$30.73. Tracey Killinger seconded the motion. There being no discussion the MOTION PASSED. PNP Moyse also requested we thank the League's JVC Diana Henry for printing our badges, and making sure all of the information was correct.

# **Upcoming Bylaw Changes (2021):**

The submitted proposed changes for 2021 to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures were read as follows by National Bylaws Chair PNP Ruth Moyse:

- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article One, Section 110, Sub-Section (B) submitted by PNP Ruth Moyse was read including the brief and rationale.
- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article Three, Section 330 Files 800 submitted by PNP Ruth Moyse was read as well as the brief and rationale.

## Administrative Procedure Change -

➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure - Chapter Eight: Subsidiaries, Section 850 – IRS Reports, Sub-Section (A) & (B) submitted by National Senior Vice President Linda Chamberlain was read as well as the brief and rationale.

The body discussed the proposed change following the reading of each submission.

## **Upcoming Bylaw Changes (2020):**

➤ Prior to reading the changes PNP Moyse mentioned the fact that some of the proposed changes were written by a member who is now deceased. She feels that the National Judge Advocate will be asked for an opinion and then the Chair will rule on that opinion and they will let them go forward even though they were not resubmitted. PNP Moyse has been advised that there is someone familiar with the person to do the final argument.

The submitted proposed changes for 2020 to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures were read as follows by National Bylaws Chair PNP Ruth Moyse

- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article Six, Section 600B, Sub-Section 3 submitted by deceased PNP Karen Aune was read as well as the brief and rationale.
- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article Two National Board of Trustees, Section 220 Board Meetings, Sub-Section A4 submitted by National Judge Advocate Mary Brief was read as well as the brief and rationale.



- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article Five Units, Section 503 Treasurers Financial Records, Sub-Section A submitted by deceased PNP Karen Aune was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed amendment to Article Two National Board of Trustees, Section 205 Powers, Sub-Section A National President submitted by deceased PNP Karen Aune was read as well as the brief and rationale

# Administrative Procedure Change -

- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Three: Section 300, Sub-Section (1) National MCLA Memorial Fund Committee submitted by National Memorial Fund Chair PNP Carol Smith was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Three: Section 300, Sub-Section (1) (3) National MCLA Memorial Fund Committee submitted by National Memorial Fund Chair PNP Carol Smith was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Three: Section 300, Sub-Section (1) National MCLA Memorial Fund Committee submitted by National Memorial Fund Chair PNP Carol Smith was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Three: Section 315 Employee(s), Sub-Section 8 (d) submitted by deceased PNP Karen Aune was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Enclosure 36 National MCLA Guidelines submitted by National Memorial Fund Chair PNP Carol Smith was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Three National Staff: Section 315 Employees, Sub-Section (A) National Secretary (11) submitted by deceased PNP Karen Aune was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Chapter Two National Convention, Section 240 Bids for National Convention, Sub-Section A6 submitted by National Judge Advocate Mary Brief was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ The proposed change to Amend Administrative Procedure- Enclosure 9 Instructions for Department and/or Unit Historian submitted by Marti Kline was read as well as the brief and rationale
- ➤ PDP Killinger stated her problem with the amendments submitted in 2020, that are going to the 2021 convention, is that the statement at the bottom of the page should have been updated to change the date and location to 2021.
- ➤ PDP Hoffman voiced her concern that the National Board did not follow the bylaws regarding their term of office. She also voiced her concern regarding the 2020 proposed bylaw and administrative procedure changes with the wrong date on the bottom of the submission.

The Bible was closed and the Meeting ended at 1640 to reconvene at 1000 on June 19, 2021.

## **Saturday, June 19, 2021:**

The meeting was called to order at 1005 according to ritual.

#### **Credential Report by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse:**



Delegates 22
Alternates 4
Members 0
Guest 0
Total 26

**Auditor Report:** Shirley Beaver

The Audit Committee reported all was in order. Bills were approved for payment.

#### 2021-2022 Budget Approval

Treasurer PDP Chamberlain asked if there were any deletions/additions to the Budget as presented on Thursday. PDP Kathy Hoffman moved we approve the proposed Budget as presented. PDP Tracey Killinger seconded the motion. There being no discussion. **The Motion Passed.** 

Child Welfare – Report presented by PDP Syd Minchin: Six (6) Units reported activity. Certificates were presented to the following Units: All Divisions, General Smedley D. Butler, Keystone Headquarters, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleaf, and Susquehanna Valley.

VAVS – Report presented by Karen Mastriania: Report is on file Three (3) Units reported activity. Certificates were presented to the following Units: General Smedley D. Butler, Keystone Headquarters, and Lancaster County.

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## **➤** Ways & Means Update:

President Mastriania reported on the 50/50 ticket sales:

- ✓ Thursday the winner was President Mastriania
- ✓ Friday the winner was Joe Kier
- ✓ Today's ticket will be drawn at the Joint Session this afternoon.
- Secretary PDP Linda Chamberlain suggested that in the future rather than everyone making copies of their Reports and bringing them to the meeting, one or two weeks prior to the meeting the Reports be emailed to the Secretary. Upon receipt the Reports then would be emailed to the distribution list and could be printed off by anyone attending the meeting. Following discussion PNP Ruth Moyse made a motion to have all Reports emailed to the Secretary 1 week prior to the meeting and then the Secretary will email them out to the Membership prior to the meeting. Motion seconded by PDP Syd Minchin. There being no additional discussion **THE MOTION PASSED**. PDP Kathy Hoffman made a motion anyone responsible for bringing a Report have their Report to the Secretary a week prior to the meeting. PDP Twila Gensel seconded the motion there being no additional discussion **THE MOTION PASSED**.
- Northeast Division Vice President PDP Minchin complimented the Department on how our Meetings are conducted and how the transfer of information is handled. This is not done in the other two states in the Division.



- ➤ PDP Kathy Hoffman recognized President Mastriania for the good job she has done conducting the Convention as this is her first meeting since being installed as the Department President.
- At this time President Mastriania distributed certificates to her Officers.
- ➤ PDP Gensel reported the League's Junior Vice is looking for photos of Auxiliary activities to include on the calendars they sell as a fund raiser. The pictures cannot be something posted on Facebook, and need to be originals.

#### **Election of 2021-2022 Officers:**

Prior to the election of Officers Judge Advocate Department of Pennsylvania PDP Twila Gensel, asked Tammy Rivera, nominee for Department Junior Vice to stand and affirm that she accepts the nomination for the Office of Junior Vice President. Tammy accepted the position.

Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel requested the Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for the slate of Officers for the year 2021-2022. The Department Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the slate of Officers for the Department of Pennsylvania for 2021-2022.

#### **Guest Speaker: General Arnie Fields:**

General Fields spoke to us on the Vietnam War Commemoration. The Viet Nam War Commemoration is a Federal Organization funded by the Congress of the United States. Additional information can be found on the Commemoration Partner Program at <a href="https://www.vietnamwar50th.com">https://www.vietnamwar50th.com</a>

# **New Department Web Page:**

President Mastriania reported on the Department's new Web Page. President Mastriania and PDP Foster have sat in on several of the developmental meetings. To access the Auxiliary Page, we will now click on our logo. We need to decide exactly what we want on our page. Madam President would like to see our Officers listing on the page. The Officers listing should only contain their position and email address. There needs to be a link to National MCLA. After much discussion it was determined our page should contain the same information that was on our previous page. The Secretary will put together the information that was on our previous page and send it out to everyone for their review and request they indicate what to retain and what to delete. Madam President has asked PDP Teena Foster to be our Web person.

#### **Installation of Officers**

Installing Officer –PDP Twila Gensel, Installing Guard; Pam Beaver; Installing Chaplain PDP Syd Minchin. The installing Guard escorted the Installing Officers to the podium. The Installation was conducted according to ritual.

President – Karen Mastriania Sr. Vice Pres. – PNP Ruth Moyse Jr. Vice Pres. – Tammy Rivera Judge Advocate – PDP Tracey Killinger SE District VP – Harriet (Terry) Souder Assistant SE DVP – Sandra Krautheim Central District VP – PDP Kathy Hoffman



# Assistant Central DVP - Anderea Accardi

The following members will fill the positions of:

Secretary/Treasurer – PDP Linda Chamberlain

Captain of the Guard – Faith Hartman

Chaplain – PDP Syd Minchin Auditors: Shirley Beaver

PDP Tracey Killinger

Donna Neidig

The Bible was closed and the Meeting ended at 12:30 PM to reconvene at 0900 on October 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Chamberlain

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