



Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc. Department Of Pennsylvania

October 16, 2021 President Council 09:00 A.M.

President's Council was allotted to JVP Tammy Rivera for the distribution of calendar books to the members present.

October 16, 2021 Staff Meeting

President Karen Mastriana opened the meeting according to ritual at 9:30 AM. Chaplain PDP Syd Minchin opened the Bible, gave the opening prayer, and 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 MCLA read by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse

Eligibility of MCLA read by JVP Tammy Rivera

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

PNP Ruth Moyse

NE Division Vice President, PDP Syd Minchin

National Senior Vice President PDP Linda Chamberlain

National Captain of the Guard PDP Teena Foster

National Assistant Chaplain, National Americanism Chair PDP Tracey Killinger

Introduction of Past Presidents in attendance:

PDP Twila Gensel, PDP Tracey Killinger, PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse, PDP Pat Bulger, PDP Carol Corley, PDP Syd Minchin, PDP Linda Chamberlain, PDP Teena Foster and PDP Kathy Hoffman

Roll Call of Officers, Units and Chairpersons

Roll call was taken.

Reading of the June, 2021 Convention Minutes

A motion was made by PDP Tracey Killinger and seconded by Faith Hartman to accept the minutes as published, but to leave them open for discussion, corrections, or additions. There being no discussion, the **Motion Passed**. PDP Tracey Killinger brought forth the following corrections:

- Page 6 Chapel of Four Chaplains: PDP Tracy Killinger should be PDP Tracey Killinger
- Page 10 Unfinished Business: First Bullet: Include (Transitional Living Center) following TLC in the sentence beginning PDP Kathy Hoffman made a motion,,,,,,
- Page 10 New Business: Second sentence should read PNP Ruth Moyse made a motion (not notion) to purchase.... Fourth sentence JVP Diana Henry should be JVC Diana Henry. There being no additional errors, corrections, or omissions, a motion was made by PDP Teena Foster and seconded by PDP Twila Gensel to accept the minutes as corrected. There being no further discussion the **Motion Passed**.

Reading of Bills by Secretary PDP Linda Chamberlain

- There were no bills submitted for the quarter.



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Treasurer's Report – PDP Linda Chamberlain

The report for the period June 18, 2021 through October 10, 2021 was presented. The Treasurer's Report was received into record and will be filed for audit. PDP Kathy Hoffman questioned the Morgan Stanley report presented by the Treasurer at the June Convention. The Treasurer noted that she found the mistake regarding the General Fund total after she had finished her reports for today's meeting. The correct amounts will be reflected in the minutes of today's meeting, and revised Morgan Stanley report will be placed in the Financial Report Folder maintained by the Treasurer.

FY2021 Approved Budget

The approved budget was placed to the table.

Chaplains Report – PDP Sydney Minchin –

A death notice was received from Landis-McCleaf for a member who passed in 2020. Jim Miller from Chester County Detachment and past Dept. VAVS representative is in rehab. The Chaplain asks that if we knew of any League member who was sick or in distress to please send her their address so she can send a card.

Sick/Distressed/Deployed

SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses reported Lynnette and Ray Chambers are not with us today as they both have COVID. Pat Gilbert reported her grandson Daniel Kutz a helicopter pilot is stationed on the USS Ronald Reagan overseas and also reported on the passing of Louis B. Puller Detachment member Donald Baker. PDP Teena Foster asked that we remember her mom PDP Pat Engel who is having some health issues. PDP Kathy Hoffman asked for prayers for the Landis-McCleaf Detachment Chaplain who had a stroke. President Mastriana reported her dad is progressing into the last stage of his dementia, and her surgery is postponed due to a bed shortage due to COVID. Lancaster County member and Assistant Central District Vice Andrea Accardi was in the ER last night due to an adverse reaction from a flu and tetanus shot she had received earlier in the day. Southeast District Vice President Terry Souder is not feeling well and her husband is having some issues. Peg Waltz (Smedley Butler) asked for prayers for her son Tom. Donna Neidig recently had shoulder surgery.

Reading of Communications by Secretary PDP Linda Chamberlain

Thank You letters received from: Bethesda Mission for our Target Gift Card, Madam President for our monetary donation to the President's Gift, MCL Foundation for our donation to the MCL National Scholarship Fund, PNP Barb Nobile for our donation to OLA, Terrie Henrickson, MCL of PA Foundation President for our donation to the General Scholarship Fund and to the Mary Cody Scholarship Fund and PNP Carol Smith for our donation to the National Memorial Fund.



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Officer's Reports (written or oral)

The following Officer's Reports were presented: President, Karen Mastriana, following President Mastriana's report a motion was made by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse and seconded by PDP Teena Foster to receive the President's Report and all reports that follow into record.

Motion carried. The following Officers' Reports were then presented; SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse JVP, Tammy Rivera, Past Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel and Jr. Past President PDP Kathy Hoffman.

District Vice President Reports (written or oral)

Central District – Kathy Hoffman – no report

Southeast District – Harriett (Terry) Souder (report read by Secretary)

Unit Reports (written)

All Division (Linda Chamberlain)

General Smedley D. Butler (Evelyn Brimble)

Keystone Headquarters (PNP Ruth Moyse)

Lancaster County (Sharon Hanna)

Landis-McCleaf (Kathy Hoffman)

Susquehanna Valley (Twila Gensel)

Comments:

PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse – none

NE Division Vice President PDP Syd Minchin:

Presented the awards from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 National Conventions. Syd also mentioned the Northeast Division Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 1-3 at the Crown Plaza in the Princeton area of NJ

The Bible was closed for lunch and the meeting reconvened at 12:25 PM according to ritual.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Donation Chair – SVP PNP/PDP Moyse

Donations received at the Department's Convention were made by the Keystone Hide in Memory of Big Flea Joyce Brickett who passed away suddenly before the Convention, and by Lancaster County Unit in memory of Jean Hagelgans. Donations received from July 1, 2021 to were made in memory of Phyllis Tustin. Donations were also made in honor of Vonnie Pisani, Evelyn Brimble, Terry Souder, Sandra Krautheim and PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse.

Scholarship Liaison – President Karen Mastriana

The names of scholarship awardee's that met all requirements to receive the \$350.00 scholarship for 2021 were received on time. We had 57 applications for scholarships, all 57 applications were approved. The first group of names were received on 9/17/2021 for eleven



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(11) applicants that met all requirements. The second group of names were received on 10/2/2021 for four (4) applicants that met all requirements. The checks were mailed to all 15 applicants. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse noted a correction to the first list of recipients, Robert Wiley received the General Smedley D. Butler Unit and not the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment scholarship.

Membership – SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse

Total member at this point is 304. We have five (5) Units who as of today have not submitted transmittals Chester County, Coal Cracker, P W Milano, Susquehanna Valley and Upper Darby. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse will contact those units.

Ways and Means – JVP Tammy Rivera

The 2022 calendars were ordered (100 pocket & 50 desk). Pre-orders totaled 78 (24 desk, 54 pocket). Three (3) additional desk and (3) additional pocket calendars were sold at the meeting. We have a total of 66 calendars left to sell (43 pocket and 23 desk). All monies will be turned over to the Treasurer at the end of today's meeting. Today's 50/50 winner was Faith Hartman who donated a portion of her winnings back to the Auxiliary.

Chapel of the 4 Chaplains – PDP Tracey Killinger

PDP Tracey Killinger and National Chapel of the 4 Chaplain Chair PDP Syd Minchin reported on the 911 Ceremony conducted at the Chapel in Philadelphia.

Girl Scouts – PDP Syd Minchin

No Report. Anyone needing Certificates for presentation let Syd know.

Convention Committee Report – SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse for President Karen Mastriania

- No free meeting rooms anymore. Hotels are not giving them any longer. We will need to be creative in finding space for committee meetings. Room rates will no longer be below \$100.
- The hotel we used in June for the Convention is no longer in existence requiring the League to look elsewhere for a location for both the January Meeting and the June Convention. The hotel has been sold and they are trying to change the zoning so there cannot be a hotel there in the future. The new location for both the January Meeting and June Convention will be the Penn Harris by Wyndham.
- The Convention Committee was only allowed to block 20 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for today's meeting and for the March Meeting they are only allowed to block 15 rooms, so making a reservation sooner than later is suggested. The rate for the room will be \$89.00. There are two other hotels in the area a Fairfield and a Sure Stay Plus but the rooms are more expensive in both locations.
- The sandwiches for today's meeting were from R&K with the League providing the beverages and the Auxiliary providing desserts, chips and salads. Today's lunch money donation from the League totaled \$311. They will be doing the same type of lunch I March with the Auxiliary being asked to provide dessert and salads,



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- At the January Meeting the hotel will not permit us to bring in crock pots or hot plates for the Hospitality Room. We will only be permitted to have food that does not require heating. We also will only be permitted to have wine and beer in the Hospitality Room. In January there will be a hot breakfast and the contract also includes a banquet. The selections were reviewed and it was decided to go with the chef's choice custom buffet at a cost of \$35. They are hoping for 20-25 people to attend the Banquet to cover the contract. The dress for the Banquet will be casual. Refrigerators at the Penn Harris Hotel are on a first come basis; there are no refrigerators in the rooms.
- They are looking for someone to host the June 2023 Convention. There is a list on the League website of requirements to hold a convention. They had four (4) possibilities, the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster, the Mohegan Sun in Wilkes Barre, the Radisson in Scranton, and the Hilton in Scranton. No decision has been made at this time and they are continuing to look at possible sites. The Committee hopes to have more information at the January Meeting.
- The Mid-Winter Conference will be February 24-26, 2022 in Norfolk, VA
- The Northeast Division Conference will be April 1-3, 2022 at the Crown Plaza in Plainsboro, NJ.
- The dates for 2023 June Convention will be June 22-25, 2023.
- New photos will be taken at the January Meeting for the Ad Book.

Auditor's Report – PDP Tracey Killinger

Auditor PDP Tracey Killinger stated all is in order.

MODDF – Big Flea PDP Linda Chamberlain

If we cannot have our scratch in our meeting room we will need to come up with another option. It will be a regular old fashion Flea Scratch.

Budget -Treasurer PDP Linda Chamberlain

The Approved Budget is on the table.

National Convention Meeting Minutes – SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse

SVP PNP/PDP Moyse commented on Madam President's minutes. She feels we should not require our President to "take minutes" since the actual proceedings are sent out by National Headquarters and are available on-line, but that her Report be a summary of what happened. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse requested Madam President to ask the Judge Advocate to research the Bylaws to see what they say and if any change is required to proceed with a summary report rather than minutes.

Unfinished Business:

- **Web Page:** Nothing has been submitted until we make a decision on how we want the page to look. PDP Teena Foster is making arrangements with the Commandant to learn how to put our information on the web site. PDP Foster will be our Web Master. PDP



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Linda Chamberlain reported she put together how the web page previously looked for this meeting. PDP Chamberlain reminded everyone that at the Convention we talked about the Department Officers' Listing only containing the officers name, position and email addresses. She feels that will be fine for the web site, but personally feels that the Officers and Unit Presidents should have a listing showing name, position, address, phone number and email address for ease in contacting someone. This would be an internal document only and not posted on the web site. If the members agree this document will be attached to the Minutes. **APPROVED.** The Previous Web Page set up was discussed and approved as indicated.

- Docking Page – **KEEP AS PREVIOUS**
 - Purpose
 - What We Do
 - Eligibility
- Administrative Forms – **REVISE AS NOTED**
 - Bylaws & Administrative Procedures
 - Department
 - National – includes Enclosures (**make accessible through link to National Headquarters**)
 - Membership Application – Both
 - Operation Little Angel Pamphlet (**ADD**)
- President's Message, Meetings & Minutes – **KEEP AS PREVIOUS**
 - Call to Meeting
 - President's Meeting Letter
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Department
 - President's Reports from Mid-Winter, Northeast Division and National Convention
- Links – **REVISED AS NOTED**
 - Department Officers Listing (**will only show name, Office & email address**)
 - Districts, Units and Unit Presidents (**list DVP & ADVP, Unit Name, Unit President name & email address**)
 - Auxiliary Districts with Unit Names and DVP's (**delete**)
 - Upcoming Events – **LINK TO DEPT OF PA MCL CALENDAR**
 - **ADD LINK TO MCLA NATIONAL AND MCLA NORTHEAST DIVISION**

There being no additional discussion regarding the design of the web page a motion was made by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse and seconded by PDP Teena Foster to develop the web page with all of the changes we discussed. **MOTION PASSED.**

New Business:

- Madam President mentioned there have been situations at the Detachment level where the Detachment and the Auxiliary are not working together as they should and are not communicating with each other.



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- PDP Killinger mentioned the possibility of having the January meeting via Zoom. PDP Chamberlain asked if our not having an in-person meeting in January, 2022 would have an impact on the League's contract with the hotel since we are now paying for the meeting rooms. PDP Hoffman reminded everyone of the year she cancelled the meeting due to a pending ice storm and while some League members were not happy others understood, the following year she did not cancel the meeting and there were only eight (8) members in attendance due to impending weather conditions. PDP Hoffman stated there is nothing in our Bylaws that requires us to meet in January. SVP PNP/PDP Moyses suggested if we want to consider doing this, we do it for 2023 since the contracts are already signed for 2022. President Mastriana asked if we could do the meeting both in-person and via zoom. PDP Chamberlain said before we commit to doing this, we needed to make sure there is a good internet connection at the hotel, a camera for the computer that will be used and the ability to position the camera toward the head table. JVP Rivera said she has the ability to do the zoom meeting for us if we decide to hold the meeting both in-person and zoom. PDP Chamberlain suggested Madam President bring up at the January Convention Committee Meeting the possibility of the Auxiliary not having an in-person meeting in January, 2023 and asking if this would create a problem for the League.

Good of the Order

SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses reviewed the Soldiers and Sailors Home wish list while President Mastriana went to speak with the League. There are several new names on this year's list and two deletions from previous years. All Units took the veteran they had last year with the new veterans being taken by Units who lost their previous veteran. Gifts should be sent to Lynnette Chambers, 3204 East Avenue, Erie, PA 16504, Phone # 814-454-7009. All gifts are due to Lynnette by December 1st. The updated list will be sent out via email and will also be attached to the Minutes.

Announcements:

2022 Winter Membership Meeting: January 21-22, 2022. Penn Harris by Wyndham 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA. Reservations: 717-763-7117 (ask for Marine Corps League Block). Room Rate is \$105.05/night single, \$118.55/night double (taxes and breakfast included). Deadline for reservations is December 31st.

National Mid-Winter Conference: February 24-26, 2022. Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA. Reservations: 757-622-6664 or click on the link at mcleaguelibrary.org/conference. Room Rate is \$129.00/night +14% tax and \$3.00 resort fee (complimentary self-parking on-site. Deadline is January 15, 2022

2022 Spring Membership Meeting: March 18-19, 2022. Meeting at Headquarters Building, Ft Indiantown Gap, Accommodations – Holiday Inn Express Lickdale/Jonestown, 3 Everett Lane, Jonestown/Lebanon, PA. Reservations: 717-865-4064, Room Rate is \$89.00 (ask for MCL rate Tammy Lick). Deadline for reservations is March 1, 2022.



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2022 Department Convention: June 22-26, 2022. Penn Harris by Wyndham 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA. Reservations: 717-763-7117 (ask for Marine Corps League Block). Room Rate is \$117.04/night single, \$130.76/night double (taxes and breakfast included).

Department Commandant:

Commandant Brady said Thank You for everything we have done, everything we do and everything we will do. One thing that received a lot of attention during the Convention Committee Meeting was a game night following the banquet at the Winter Meeting so bring your board games with you. You can make reservations for both the Winter Meeting and the Convention now, of note is the difference in price for single and double occupancy and that is because of the breakfast. Commandant Brady is also looking forward to seeing all of us in Daytona Beach. Information regarding reservations can be found on the League's National Web Site. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse thanked the Commandant for the donation from today's lunch.

Good of the Order (Continued)

President's National Convention Report:

Judge Advocate PDP Tracey Killinger reported as requested she researched the President's Report from the National Convention. According to our Bylaws: Article Two Board of Trustees under President one of the paragraphs says: "The President or designated representative shall attend the National Convention, National Mid-Winter Staff Meeting and the National Northeast Division Meeting, after which a complete written report shall be submitted to the Department Staff and Units in a timely manner." It does not say complete minutes it says a Report therefore, it can be a summary of the meeting.

National Sr Vice President – PDP Linda Chamberlain

The Life Member Checks are in the process of being mailed to Unit/Department Treasurers. Please note, the check is only good for 90 days so please do not hold on to it for two (2) years before you deposit same. The Unit in question was notified as well as the National Senior Vice/Department Treasurer and the NE Division Vice President. None of us are sure how the bank accepted the check for deposit. Holding a check for this amount of time has an impact on National's bookkeeping as their books, like ours are closed at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.

The Bible was closed and the meeting ended at 1510 to reconvene with the Presidents council at 0900 on January 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Chamberlain

PDP Linda S. Chamberlain
Secretary, MCLA Inc. Department of Pennsylvania



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SOLDIER & SAILORS HOME 2021 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Birthday	Name	Requested Gift	Sponsoring Unit
May 27, 1949	John McCray	Walmart Gift Card	Dept of PA
April 17, 1954	Paul Warner	Amazon Gift Card & Snacks	Lancaster County Unit
August 7, 1952	James Wright (NEW)	Walmart Gift Card	Lancaster County Unit
November 23, 1918	Lois Cochran (NEW)	Small Cardigan Sweater & Soft Chocolate Candy	All Divisions Unit
April 27, 1937	Dorothy Martone	Walmart Gift Card & Gold Toe Socks 9-11	Keystone HQ Unit
February 22, 1943	Larry Langhurst (NEW)	XL Sweatshirt & Sweatpants	Susquehanna Valley Unit
April 8, 1931	Alfonso Ferrante	XL Green Cardigan	Susquehanna Valley Unit
June 24, 1942	William Kruszewski	History Books about WWII & Car Magazine Subscription	Gen. Smedly D. Butler Unit
October 18, 1934	Henry Cyranowski (NEW)	Walmart Gift Card	P.W. Milano Unit
June 21, 1930	John Lapaca	Case of low-sodium V8 juice & Walmart Gift Card	Landis-McCleaf Unit
May 14, 1954	Arthur Turowski	Ankle socks size 9-11, Puzzle Books & Twizzlers	Landis-McCleaf Unit
April 20, 1940	Harold Kumer (NEW)	XL Steelers Long Sleeve Shirt	Northeastern