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January 22, 2022 President Council 09:00 A.M.

President's Council: SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyle brought cards and book markers made by students at the Glenn Wood Elementary School for us to separate. The cards and book markers specifically designed for veterans were packaged and given to the League's Commandant to have shared among the six (6) Pennsylvania Veterans Homes, the remainder SVP PNP PDP Moyle will give to nursing homes in her area for the residents.

January 22, 2022 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, the Charter was draped 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 Moyle

Eligibility of MCLA read by JVP Tammy Rivera

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

PNP and Assistant NE Division Vice President PDP Ruth Moyle

NE Division Vice President, PDP Syd Minchin

National Senior Vice President PDP Linda Chamberlain

Introduction of Past Presidents in attendance:

PDP Twila Gensel, PNP/PDP Ruth Moyle, PDP Syd Minchin, PDP Linda Chamberlain. PDP Tracey Killinger, PDP Teena Foster and PDP Pat Engel were also in attendance via Zoom.

Roll Call of Officers, Units and Chairpersons

Roll call was taken.

Guest Speakers:

Keystone Headquarters Auxiliary Member and MCL Member Lisa Solarczyk wanted to personally thank us for our cards, calls and text messages following her recent surgery. Everything is healing fine. Lisa also updated us on her two great nephews, Luciano has neuroblastoma and has been in remission for at least six (6) months, his most recent scans in December show him still being stable. Antonio, who had a tumor behind his eye and was in Danville Children's Hospital for surgery to relieve pressure on his brain from fluid is awaiting his quarterly check-up to be sure everything is ok. There is no cancer and the tumor behind his eye is extremely small. All prayers are appreciated. Antonio's two brothers, Luca and Gino both have COVID.

Morgan Stanley Review: Tom McIlwee presented the review of our Asset Allocation for the General Account as of December 31, 2021. Our Equities (Stocks) are at 65%, 30% fixed income (Bonds) and 4% in cash (Money Market). Our return for 2021 was 15.49% with investment earnings of \$5,081.97. The Mary Cody fund is a balanced fund split 64% stock and 35% fixed income. At this time Tom had no recommendations for changes.



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Reading of the October, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses and seconded by PDP Syd Minchin to dispense with reading of the minutes in their entirety but to read from Unfinished Business forward. There being no discussion, the **Motion Passed**. Following the reading of the minutes Madam President asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections. PDP Tracey Killinger noted the following corrections:

- Page Two: Reading of Communications – third line correct the spelling of PNP Barb Nobel to PNP Barb Nobile.
- Page Three: Officers Reports – fifth line change Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel to Past Judge Advocate PDP Twila Gensel.
- Page Eight: Department Commandant – Last sentence SVP PNP/PDD Moyses corrected to read SVP PNP/PDP Moyses.

Following the noted corrections SVP PNP/PDP Moyses amended her motion to accept the minutes as corrected, PDP Minchin amended her seconded. There being no further discussion the **Motion Passed**.

Reading of Bills by Secretary PDP Linda Chamberlain

There were two (2) bills:

- SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses \$31.77 for paper for the Certificates
- PDP Linda Chamberlain \$31.17 for postage to mail transmittals

The bills will be referred to the Auditors.

Treasurer's Report – PDP Linda Chamberlain

The report for the period October 17, 2021 through December 31, 2021 was presented.

Chaplains Report – PDP Sydney Minchin –

There were four (4) deaths since the Convention. Eight (8) Thinking of you, six (6) Sympathy and one (1) Birthday cards were sent. The recent death of Pauline Roberts increased the number of deaths to five (5). The Chaplain requested if we know of anyone in the League who could use a card, to please send her the information and be sure to include the address. Cards will be circulated for signature. Another Thinking of You card will be sent to PDP Joan Devlin.

Sick/Distressed/Deployed

SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses read a letter from Lynnette Chambers updating us on her and Ray's health as they recover from COVID. A request was made to have a Thinking of You card sent, PDP Twila Gensel brought greetings from her sister Libby Knapp whose scheduled shoulder surgery keeps being postponed due to COVID. Libby is dealing with some leg and knee issues and would appreciate a Thinking of You card. President Mastriana reported things have been getting more difficult with her home situation relating to her father and his progressing dementia. President Mastriana mentioned her father misses getting mail, anyone wishing to send him a card can do so in care of Karen's address. Samuel Staley, 940 Mary Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552-9361



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President Mastriana said her surgery went well and no therapy was necessary. Chaplain PDP Minchin suggested we might call and just chat with members who we have not seen for quite some time.

Reading of Communications by Secretary PDP Linda Chamberlain

Thank You letters from Katy Dilling, Therapeutic Recreation Services Supervisor, PA Soldiers and Sailors Home thanking us for the gift for our adopted Veteran, a Thank you letter from PNP Carol Smith for our gift to the Memorial Fund and a Thank you Card from Wreaths Across America for the purchase of our ten (10) wreaths.

Officer's Reports (written or oral)

President, Karen Mastriana read her report. Following President Mastriana's report a motion was made by SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses and seconded by PDP Twila Gensel 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 Moyses JVP, Tammy Rivera, Judge Advocate PDP Tracey Killinger.

Department Commandant:

Commandant Brady said Thank You for what we do for the League and Veterans throughout the country. Commandant Brady announced that the Convention Committee discussed at their meeting on Friday the cost of having this meeting in a hotel, therefore, this will be the last January offsite meeting. The League will be looking at their bylaws to see if a January meeting is a requirement and if so, the meeting will be held at Headquarters Building. PDP Minchin reminded the Commandant the streets and parking lots at the Gap are not plowed when it snows and they may want to keep that in mind as they look into moving the January meeting to that location. Indiantown Gap is moving forward with the installation of guard posts at the facility, this is a slow process but it is happening. Commandant Brady is looking forward to seeing us in March at Headquarters and again here in June for the Convention. Commandant Brady will be giving the cards from the students of the Glen Wood Elementary School to the Deputy Adjutant General for distribution to the Veterans Homes in the Commonwealth. Prior to leaving the Commandant presented Madam President with a check from the League as part of their commitment to assist the Auxiliary.

District Vice President Reports (written or oral)

Central District – Kathy Hoffman – report read by the Secretary

Southeast District – Report received after the meeting, will be included with the file copy of the minutes.

The Bible was closed for pictures.

The Bible was reopened and the meeting resumed.



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MCL Department Public Affairs Officer and MCL National Public Relations Chair:

Victoria McCoy spoke to us regarding a social media presence for the Auxiliary. We will need to find someone willing to create and administer a Facebook presence which she feels is so important for the growth of the Auxiliary. Victoria is willing to help us create our Facebook presence. SVP PNP/PDP Moyses asked about security settings, Victoria responded that this would be the responsibility of the administrator to approve what is posted. SVP PNP/PDP Moyses also asked Victoria if she had any suggestions to help us make our zoom efforts better. Victoria suggested using an external camera and microphone.

Unit Reports (written)

All Division (Linda Chamberlain)

General Smedley D. Butler (Evelyn Brimble)

Keystone Headquarters (PNP/PDP Ruth Moyses)

Lancaster County (Sharon Hanna)

Landis-McCleafe (Kathy Hoffman)

Northeastern Unit (Faith Hartman)

P W Milano (Syd Minchin) Verbal

Susquehanna Valley (Twila Gensel)

Upper Darby (Sandra Krautheim) Report arrived after the meeting will be attached to the file copy.

Filling of Chairs:

Pam Beaver will serve as Auditor for PDP Tracey Killinger

The Bible was closed for lunch and the meeting reconvened at 1:25 PM according to ritual.

Comments:

NE Division Vice President PDP Syd Minchin:

The Northeast Division Conference will be held on April 1 & 2, 2022 at the Crown Plaza Princeton, 900 Scudders Mill Road., Plainsboro, NJ 08536. Registration forms will be mailed to each Department President. NEDVP Minchin requested topics for Saturday's sessions. She will also contact the Departments of New Jersey and New York for suggestions. NEDVP Minchin requested we email them to her at her new email address is syd23lmch@gmail.com. No transmittals have been received from the Department of New York. The Department President was contacted and transmittals were to have been mailed on January 21, 2022.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Donation Chair – SVP PNP/PDP Moyses

Donations were received in memory of Marine Charles Chamberlain, Southeast District Vice President Terry Souder, Phyllis Tustin, Tom Waltz, Marine Robert E. Gilbert and Marine Rodney Bulger.



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Scholarship Liaison – President Karen Mastriania

There were only 57 scholarship applications received for 2021 of those eleven (11) did not complete all requirements. Everyone that met all of the requirements have received their \$350.00 check. Eleven (11) applicants received an IMO (in memory of) scholarship. The 2022 scholarship application form and instructions are now available on the League website.

Membership – SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse

Currently there are two (2) units who have not submitted their transmittals, P.W. Milano and Chester County. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse will contact the Chester County Unit President, and see that they are done before our Department Convention in June. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse and PDP Minchin have spoken regarding the closure of the P W Milano unit and transferring the members into the Keystone Headquarters Unit. Total membership at the October meeting was 304, as of today we have 390 members.

Ways and Means – JVP Tammy Rivera

The 2022 calendars were ordered (100 pocket & 50 desk). To date we have sold 31 desk and 61 pocket calendars. Currently we have a total of 58 calendars remaining (19 desk and 39 pocket). President Mastriania requested JVP Rivera bring the calendars with her to see if any additional calendars could be sold at today's meeting. President Mastriania suggested we may want to consider decreasing the number of calendars we order for 2023 since sales have been decreasing over the past two years. SVP PNP/PDP Moyse requested Madam President check with the vendor to see what is the minimum quantity we can order. Following JVP Rivera's report an additional 11 calendars were purchased bringing the total number of unsold calendars to 47. President Mastriania will be purchasing the remainder of the calendars to donate to TLC (Transitional Living Center). Today's 50/50 winner was Dean Vantz, of York County Detachment.

Chapel of the 4 Chaplains – PDP Syd Minchin

National Chapel of the 4 Chaplains Chair PDP Syd Minchin reported the banquet will be held on February 3rd the actual anniversary of the sinking of the Dorchester. PDP Minchin reported she has not received any nominations for the Chapel.

Girl Scouts – PDP Syd Minchin

PDP Minchin reported Faith Hartman gave her the name of someone to contact. PDP Minchin has called and left her name and number at the office in Harrisburg but has not received a return call.

The Bible was closed for pictures for the Department of PA Newsletter

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Civics Committee Chair Replacement:

PDP Twila Gensel indicated with the approval of Madam President she would be willing to fill the position of the Civics Committee Chair since the death of Pauline Roberts. Madam President thanked PDP Gensel for offering to fill this open position.

Auditor's Report –Shirley Beaver

Auditor Shirley Beaver reported the Committee found the books to be in order and the submitted bills should be paid.

Convention Committee Report –President Karen Mastriana

- The first thing under Unfinished Business was the January meeting. As of January 17, 2022 they were 11 rooms short of the contracted 60 rooms for this meeting resulting in a cost to the League for the rooms. Also, 30 tickets needed to have been sold for the banquet and as of yesterday (Friday) they had only sold 19 tickets, so once again they need to pay the shortfall. Madam President stated she did mention to the Committee that the Auxiliary would rather not meet in January and have the meeting via Zoom (if necessary) due to unpredictable weather conditions and asked what impact would that have on the League. The Convention Committee is taking the issue of having the January meeting either at Headquarters or via Zoom to the League's Board. As of now, until the issue of a January meeting is voted on there will be no January meeting in a hotel. The Convention Committee will be looking at the League's bylaws regarding their requirement to have a January meeting. The Committee Chair checked with both the Auxiliary and Devil Dogs to see what their requirement were regarding holding a meeting in January and the bylaws of both subsidiaries do not require a meeting to be held.
- Due to the decreased number of available sleeping rooms for the March Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express a discussion was held on whether or not to have a hospitality room. The consensus was to keep the hospitality room which will be hosted by District 4.
- Lunch for the March meeting was also discussed. There will be a coordinator and small committee handling this going forward. The issue of a donation jar was also discussed and in the opinion of PDC Ziltz since the League is purchasing everything for lunch the League should keep the money from the donation jar. Madam President advised the Committee the Auxiliary does not count on the donations from the lunch but, we look forward to the receiving the donation jar money to help us out. The decision for the League to keep the monies from the donation jar was revised to give the monies to the Auxiliary provided we supply the salads, desserts, etc. PDC Ziltz also noted we were in their budget for \$1000. (This was the money budgeted for the card program).
- The Auxiliary Meeting Room for the June Department Convention will be the same room that we are in today. The dates of the Convention are June 22 to 26, 2022.
- The date to have the Ads in for the Department Convention Book has been changed from May 15th to May 1st to give Diana more time to look over the ads before sending them to



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the printer. Prices for the ads will be \$100 full page, \$60 half page and \$35 quarter page. There will be an orientation at the bottom of the page to show what a half page, etc. looks like. The cost of a Commercial Ad will also stay the same.

- The cost for registration is increasing this year from \$8 to \$10 for pre-registration and from \$10 to \$15 at the door.
- Madam President announce she had sent a letter to National President Evelyn Joppa inviting her to be her guest for the Department Convention.
- The cost of the banquet and menu will be discussed at the March Convention Committee Meeting. They are also looking at food for the hospitality room. A committee has also been formed for the hospitality room for the Convention with the League's Junior Vice Frank Walker being the point of contact and Andy Burch will oversee the Hospitality Room.
- The October, 2022 meeting will be at Indiantown Gap. They are going to go back and see if they can block more rooms.
- They are still looking for a location for the 2023 Convention.
- The Veteran and Youth Ticket drawing will be held at Headquarters Building a week prior to the Convention due to the change in hotel.

PDP Tracey Killinger brought greeting from PNP Helen Hicks. SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Royse requested the Chaplain send her a Thinking of You card.

MODDF – Big Flea PDP Linda Chamberlain

No report.

Unfinished Business:

- **Web Page:** PDP Teena Foster reported she has not been trained as of yet and does not think this will happen until spring. All of the documents send to PDP Foster have been posted on the web site. Now that the October Meeting minutes have been approved PDP Chamberlain will send the redacted minutes to PDP Foster for posting on the web site. The link for the site is MCLPALeague.org and click on the Auxiliary emblem.
- **Housekeeping Issue:** SVP PNP/PDP Ruth Moyse indicated that with the passing of SE District Vice Terry Souder, Sandra Krautheim becomes the SE District Vice and should be added to the roll call of officers and her title changed on the Officers Listing. The Assistant position will remain vacant until the election at the June Convention.



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- Madam President responded to the question asked regarding the Disaster Relief Check. An email was received from the Commandant regarding a fund being set-up to assist the Department and Detachment in Kentucky impacted by the tornadoes with their mission of helping Marines and families. The Board was polled and all were in agreement the Auxiliary should make a donation.

New Business:

- Facebook Administrator subject tabled until the March or June meetings until more members are present.

Good of the Order: None

The Bible was closed and the meeting ended at 1500 to reconvene with the Presidents council at 0900 on March 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Chamberlain

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