



# Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Inc.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETING NOTES AUGUST 14 – 18, 2017 OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

### **Joint Opening - Monday August 14, 2017**

The Joint Opening Session was called to order at 9:00 AM by MCL Foundation President Gregory Hunt. Following presentation of the Colors by Marine Corps Combat Logistics Regiment 4 and the singing of the National Anthem by Victoria Irwin opening remarks were given by City of Overland Park Council President John Thompson, Military Legislative Assistant to Representative Roger Miller Lauren Orndorff, Local Committee Chair, Joe Hughes, National Big Flea, Rogene Hackbarth, 57<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog, C O Smith, Marine Corps League Foundation President, Greg Hunt, National President Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Karen Aune and Marine Corps League National Commandant, Richard Gore. Following the close of the Joint Opening Session the Memorial Service was held.

### **Monday, August 14, 2017 – MCLA Business Session**

Madam President, Karen Aune, was escorted to the podium and the meeting was opened according to ritual at 1:10 PM. The vacant chair of Midwest Division Vice was filled by Patricia Walker and the vacant chair of Southwest Division Vice was filled by PNP Karen Wheeler. There was one (1) first time convention attendee recognized.

The reading of the 2017 Rules of Convention was deferred until Tuesday morning.

A motion was made by PNP Ruth Moyses and seconded by Department of Pennsylvania President Teena Engel to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last day of the 2016 convention since they had been previously distributed but to leave open for any corrections, errors or omissions. There being no corrections, errors or omissions the minutes stand as published.

The minutes from the Board of Trustees Pre-Convention meeting were read. Corrections were noted and the minutes were approved as corrected.

President Aune read her report. A motion was made by Senior Vice President Carol Smith and seconded by PNP Ruth Moyses to receive the President's report and all other officer's reports into record. Motion carried. The Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Judge Advocate, and Jr. Past President read their reports. The Division Vice President's did not read their reports as copies were available on the table in the back of the room.

**National Chaplain's Report:** A better job is being done getting death notices to the Chaplain. Receiving the notices via email allows the chaplain to get the information out to the members in a timelier manner. Unfortunately, in some cases information is still being received three months after the member's passing. All information needs to be included on the form including zip code. There were 48 member deaths reported since last year's convention. PNP Nobile noted she does her best to keep her data base up to date, dropping names as requested. If you are still receiving her emails and choose not to be included, please let her know. If someone needs to be added please be sure to forward her their email address.

**Credentials Report:** 1 National President, 87 Delegates, 13 Alternates, 0 Associate, 15 members and 4 Guests for a total of 120.

Ship Store Report: Sunday's sales totaled \$1,221.00. Suggestions for new items for the Ship Store should be sent to Karen Grady for investigation. Please note in order to use the MCLA emblem the item must be made in the USA.

Spring Headquarters Project Report: To date \$1,960 has been collected. Madam President requested all members present take some chances and sell them to the members of the league.

Madam President announced the WWII Woman Marines presentation she put together will be running on a computer in the back of the room during the convention.

Comptroller's Report: National Comptroller Peggy Tuohy reported it is a pleasure to work with our new Secretary Karen Grady. They communicate very well and are able to solve each other's questions quickly and satisfactorily. One recurring problem is missing checks. This problem began when our previous secretary would take a batch of checks to her office and didn't use them in numerical order and then when finished did not put the unused checks back in the box in the correct order. A recent check of previous bank statements determined none of the missing checks have cleared our account. Comptroller Tuohy reviewed all of the missing check numbers she has in her Comptroller's Register with Karen who has indicated that as it stands now all the check she has are in proper sequence and this will not be a problem in the future. All deposits have been transferred to their proper accounts. No monies have been withdrawn from savings for any payments. All accounts are in good order.

Chief of Staff Report: PNP Gerri Tuohy read her report.

OLA Report: PNP Barbara Nobile – Last year in Tulsa Oklahoma we honored the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home with our gifts. At our Midwinter Conference the recipient of our Midwinter gift was Beauty for Ashes a home for mothers and children specializing in Mothers with drug issues. The \$1000 check we presented them was used to purchase new beds. This year our gifts are going to Friends of Yates in Kansas City, Ks. Friends of Yates serves those experiencing domestic violence, youth and adults in need of food and clothing as well as providing counseling and advocacy to empower them toward being more self sufficient. With the approval of the committee a clothes dryer was purchased for them. PNP Nobile thanked everyone for their generosity and also thanked Wilma Allen for always being willing to sit at the table for us during the convention.

Insurance Committee: During the past year Insurance Chair Elaine Schieffer received two (2) requests for Rust Insurance Packets. Chair Schieffer reported on a question presented to Rust related to a fundraiser at a restaurant/bar where there would be food and liquor served as well as music. The Auxiliary Unit was going to be there solely to collect toiletries and donations. In cases such as this it is best to have the restaurant/bar be the sponsor of the event and not the Auxiliary. All insurance request forms should be submitted a few months in advance of the event if possible.

Memorial Fund: The total fund balance is \$15,832.14. During the period July 2016 through June, 2017 \$1,000 was disbursed in financial aid.

Chapel of the 4 Chaplains: The Certificate presentation was postponed until Friday morning. Chapel of the 4 Chaplains Auxiliary Representative Sydney Minchin reminded everyone that only a chapel recipient can make a nomination and to look to members of your community, church or other organizations you may belong to for those who go above and beyond to nominate for the Legion of Honor Award. The latest application can be found on the web site.

Uniform Committee: Chair Susie Lee reported since the Midwinter Conference she has not received any correspondence related to uniforms. With the help of Karen Grady she has been in touch with Jack Handorf our CINTAS Representative to reestablish the MCLA account and define the ordering process. CINTAS is in the process of migrating to a different ordering system and it may be months before we can complete our orders online. The instructions for placing an order can be found in the August Newsletter. Our new account number is 5119905001. The web address is [www.Cintas.com](http://www.Cintas.com) and their phone number is 800-864-3676.

Presentation: Maria Romaro, Unit President of the M/Sgt. Luis J. Romero, Jr. Unit presented Madam President two checks from the Unit one for the Memorial Fund and one for OLA. She also invited everyone to stop in the Kansas Store and look at the Convention shirts designed with the MCLA logo.

Rehabilitation: Congratulations to the All Divisions Unit, Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Total Value, Upper Darby Unit also in the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Total Value, and the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving , 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Total Value.

Membership Report: At the end of June, 2016 we had a total of 3048 members, at the end of June, 2017 we had a total of 3003 members. We gained 248 members but lost 50 due to deaths leaving 183 members who did not pay their annual dues. Congratulations to the Northeast, New England, Midwest, Northwest, Southwest and Rocky Mountain Divisions who have seen an increase in membership over the past year. Departments that have maintained or increased membership were North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Washington and Utah. The following units in the Northeast Division experienced an increase in membership, Coal Cracker, Keystone Headquarters, Landis-McCleaf and Upper Darby from the Department of Pennsylvania and J W Thurston Unit from the Department of New York.

Recruiting Awards: Congratulations to Kathy Hoffman Recruiter of the Year who recruited sixteen (16) new members. Kathy is a member of the Landis-McCleaf Unit in the Department of Pennsylvania. Patricia Walker, Onslow County Marines MCL 262, Department of North Carolina and JoAnn Watts, Cpl Richard Scott Haymes Unit, Department of Missouri tied for second place recruiting six (6) members each. Of the 243 new members recruited this year 115 of those did not have a recruiter's signature please remember to sign the application when you recruit a new member. The date the unit accepts the member also needs to be filled in before sending in the application.

Child Welfare: Congratulations to the Salem County Unit, Department of New Jersey for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place for hours and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for unit totals, Upper Darby Unit, Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place for hours, All Divisions Unit also in the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place for hours, the Department of New Jersey for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place for total volunteers and 1<sup>st</sup> place for total hours, and the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place for total hours and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for total volunteers.

The Bible was closed and the meeting recessed at 3:15 PM.

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017: The meeting reconvened according to ritual at 9:10 AM and the Bible was opened**

Minutes of the Monday, August 14, 2017 meeting were read by the convention secretary. Corrections were made and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Rules of Convention: The 2017 Rules of Convention were read by Jr. Past President Deborah Evans.

Auditors Report: The report of Auditor Jack Sir was read by PNP Gerri Tuohy. The report will be published in the proceedings.

Forms Committee: Nine (9) Form changes and two (2) Housekeeping changes were submitted and presented as follows:

- Memory Book Form (Enclosure 10). The suggested changes included clarification of the criteria and implementation of a point system for judging the books. Following discussion the maker agreed to permit the use of stickers & embellishments provided they do not distract from the photos. In the future all books must be submitted by the close of business on Tuesday. The committee recommended the form be approved with the suggested changes. **Motion Carried.**
- Guidelines/Procedures for a Voluntary Surrender of a Units Charter. The committee did not recommend approval of this form. **Motion Carried.**
- Charter Discharge Receipt Form. Discussion held. The committee recommended the form be approved. **Motion Carried.**
- Enclosure 19 Instructions for Transmittals, Transmittal Form and inclusion of a Unit Treasurer Cover Sheet. Discussion was held. The committee did not recommend approval of the form. **Motion Carried.**
- Enclosure 24 Department Cover Sheet. The revised form was discussed. The committee recommended acceptance of the form. Madam President suspended the presentation of the remaining forms until Thursday and requested the committee have copies of all of the proposed form changes available by the end of today's meeting so the members present could review the change prior to Thursday's meeting. Committee withdrew the approval of the form.

Operation Little Angel: Mrs. Anderson, Community Outreach Educator, for Friends of Yates spoke briefly on the Shelter and the programs and services they provide. Mrs. Anderson thanked us for the Dryer and said it was welcomed with many cheers. PNP Nobile presented Mrs. Anderson with the donations brought to the convention and a bag of gift cards.

Ship Store Report: The total for the past two days was \$3,038.50. Karen Bressler spoke on the new items in the store, and showed samples of each.

Girl Scouts Report: Eleven (11) states presented a total of 767 certificates this year. The Committee Chair reminded everyone that the certificates must be purchased from the Ship's Store. P W Milano Unit, Department of Pennsylvania presented 47 certificates and the West Hudson Unit, Department of New Jersey presented 144 certificates. Detachments can only present Girl Scout Certificates if they are doing so on behalf of the Auxiliary.

The Bible was closed for Lunch at 11:30 AM. The meeting reconvened according to ritual at 1:40 PM and the Bible was opened.

Before continuing with the meeting agenda the members present worked together and made 600 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Kansas City Foot Print's Heroes Home Gate a short term residence for homeless veterans.

Memorial Fund: The Memorial Fund collection totaled \$360.00.

Credentials Report: 1 National President, 87 Delegates, 13 Alternates, 17 Members, 0 Associate and 4 Guests for a total of 122.

Budget Committee: PNP Gerri Tuohy presented the proposed budget for FY2018. Discussion and approval of the budget will take place on Thursday.

Scholarship Committee: A preliminary report was presented as follows. 250 applications were received, 158 were preliminarily approved pending verification of college enrollment and 92 applications were not approved.

Civics Committee: Congratulations to the Salem County Unit, Department of New Jersey for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place for total hours, Landis-McCleaf Unit Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place total value, the Department of New Jersey for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place for total hours, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for total volunteers, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for total value, the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place total value.

VAVS Committee: Congratulations to the Upper Darby Unit, Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place for total value and the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place for total value. Nineteen (19) representatives and deputies have been certified and recertified. Fifteen (15) Annual Joint Reviews were received.

History Book: Once again this year only two (2) books were submitted. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Smedley D. Butler Unit, Department of Pennsylvania. Second place was awarded to the Melvin Smith Unit, Department of Washington.

Vietnam War Commeration: Our guest speaker spoke on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War and the national initiative to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families. He spoke on the objectives of the commeration gave the web site where additional information could be found. [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

Memory Book: Four (4) books were submitted this year. Certificates were presented to the first, second and third place winners and the two Departments who received honorable mention.

Americanism Committee: Congratulations to the Upper Darby Unit Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place for total value and the Department of Pennsylvania for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place for total value. One Americanism Book was submitted from the General Smedley D. Butler Unit in Pennsylvania.

The Bible was closed and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

**Thursday, August 17, 2017: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM and the Bible was opened.**

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read by the convention secretary. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Educational Session: A very interesting session entitled "Let's All Get Along" on Conflict and Adversity was presented by Twila Gensel and PNP Deborah Evans. Twila and PNP Evans

spoke on how to handle conflict and adversity in our everyday lives. One of the questions asked was; is adversity & conflict a bad thing? Some positives we should think about to resolve a conflict are: never speak out of anger, take 1 step back and think before speaking, refrain from cursing and bad language, allow all to speak on ideas and suggestions, when pointing out a weakness also point out a strength. We all have a life which contains conflict and issues and we all deal with coping with conflict and issues differently. Anyone wishing a copy of the session was asked to contact Twila.

Ships Store Report: Total sales through Tuesday totaled \$3,389.00.

President's Council Meeting: The minutes of the meeting were read.

Division Vice President Training: The minutes of the meeting were read. One suggestion was to have an email address that only the Division Vice's could access to communicate with each other.

National Secretary's Review: Madam President read the review of National Secretary Karen Grady and stated the proposed budget includes a 5% increase for Karen.

Convention Committee: PNP Jackie Hunter reported the 95th National Convention which will be hosted by the Department of New York Marine Corps League. The dates for the Convention are August 10-19, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo/Hotel & Conference Center, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY, phone 1-800-233-1234. Rate is \$129/night +13% tax which includes breakfast. There is a one night rate authorization charge for every room reservation made. Reservations can be made beginning on Monday, August, 21, 2017 starting at 8:01 AM. Additional information regarding the hotel will be included at the end of this report.

2019 National Convention: the 96<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be hosted by the Department of Montana Marine Corps League. The dates of the convention are August 1-10, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center. Rate is \$99.50/night + 7% occupancy tax there is no sales tax in Montana. There is no elevator service and no laundry facilities at the hotel. RV parking is available in the parking lot if you are staying at the hotel. PNP Hunter was asked if there would be RV Parking available if you were not staying at the hotel, she said she would find out. There is a one night rate authorization charge for every room reservation made. Additional information regarding the hotel will be included at the end of this report.

Legislative Committee: The report was read by Legislative Representative Darlene MacCubbin. The committee supports the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act H.R. 333 and H.R. 303-S 66-S Retired Pay Restoration. Pending National Legislation: S-700 Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act, the bill will improve reproductive assistance provided by the DOD and the DVA to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, spouses and partners. H.R. 2733 Housing our Heroes, this bill is to direct the DVA to begin a three year pilot grant program to assess the feasibility of awarding grants to eligible entities to purchase and renovate abandoned homes for homeless veterans. H.R. 1329 Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment, this bill will increase effective December, 2017 the rate of compensation for Veterans with service connected disabilities and the rate of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans.

MODDF Scratch: The National Big Flea reported on the scratch. Seven new fleas were initiated. \$2600 was collected between the initiates and fines permitting donations in the amount of \$200 to be sent to 13 charities. The new Big Flea will be Donna Jean Peterson.

At this time Madam President showed the slide presentation she put together honoring WWII Women Marines. Madam President will be happy to provide a copy upon request.

The Bible was closed for Lunch at 11:40 AM. The meeting reconvened according to ritual at 1:35 PM and the Bible was opened.

Guest Speaker: Robert Borka the new COO for the Marine Corps League spoke briefly and thanked us for all that we do to support the League.

Credentials Report: 1 National President, 87 Delegates, 13 Alternates, 17 Members, 0 Associate and 4 Guests for a total of 122.

Madam President Acknowledged HPNP Lynn LaBerge on her Chapel of the Four Chaplains Humanitarian Award.

Chapel of the Four Chaplains Collection: Chapel of the Four Chaplains Auxiliary Representative reported \$4,085 was collected.

Morgan Stanley Report: Tom McIlwee reported on the PLM, General and Operation Little Angel Funds. Recommendation: The asset allocation for equities is at the limit set by the Investment Policy Statement adopted by the Board of Trustees. They anticipate an adjustment will be required in the future and will let us know when the time comes.

Budget: There were no changes from the proposal presented on Tuesday. PNP Tuohy response to the question regarding the payment of Virginia Sales Tax was we do pay the full amount of sales tax to the State of Virginia. The Budget also includes the 5% increase for the National Secretary, no ship store profit has been added for this year, and the bylaws committee line accidentally omitted from the expenses will be added. The budget indicates a negative balance and it is hoped that this can be turned around. Twila Gensel asked about a statement made by Tom McIlwee regarding no deposits or withdrawals being made to the PLM account when the budget income shows \$5950 actual. PNP Tuohy will check on this.

Continuation of Forms Committee Presentation:

- Enclosure #24 submitted by both Junior Vice President Evelyn Joppa and PDP Linda Chamberlain were presented. Discussion was held. The left the decision on which form they would prefer up to the body. PNP Ruth Moyse made a motion to accept the form submitted by Evelyn Joppa with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded. **Motion Carried.** Linda Chamberlain withdrew her proposed change.
- Name and Address Change Form. This form will be used in addition to Transmittal Form #19 in the interim between the yearly transmittals. The form would go directly from the unit treasurer to National Headquarters, the Department Treasurer and the Division Vice President. Discussion held and minor corrections suggested. The committee recommended approval of the form. **Motion Carried**
- Report of Election and Installation of Officers Form. Discussion held. The committee recommended approval of the form with the revised changes discussed. **Motion Carried.**

Chief Devil Dog – PCDD CO Smith and CDD Leonard Spicer announced they had just returned from presenting a check from the MODD in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Children’s Memorial

Hospital. PCDD Smith presented the Auxiliary with a check in the amount of \$1250 for the Memorial Fund and thanked us for our support.

Continuation of Forms Committee Presentation:

- Sample of How to Submit a Bylaws Change: This form was withdrawn by the maker. The committee recommended using the sample of how to submit a bylaw change provided by PNP Hunter currently on the website but to remove “sign” as changes can be submitted electronically and to remove any reference to a specific date and year. **Motion Carried.**
- Enclosure #19: The committee recommended approval of the revised form. A question was asked regarding form changes and the need for them going to the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Committee first to ensure they do not conflict with current Bylaws or Administrative Procedures or proposed changes to the Bylaws or Administrative Procedures. Madam President confirmed there was no reference on how to complete a transmittal in either the Bylaws or Administrative Procedures. There being no additional discussion the **Motion Carried.**
- Housekeeping Issue: Oath of Obligation –Member changed to Members in the sentence “in the presence of Almighty God. The committee recommended approval of this housekeeping item. **Motion Carried.**
- Housekeeping Issue: Uniform Regalia enclosure #20 - Change in the way uniforms are ordered through Cintas. The Committee recommended approval of the housekeeping item. **Motion Carried.**

At the conclusion of their presentation the committee recommended that going forward all proposed form changes be posted on the website in order for members to review and for Unit Presidents to share with the members of their unit prior to the proposed changes being presented at the National Convention.

Budget Continued: PNP Tuohy responded to Twila Gensel’s question regarding the PLM. PNP Tuohy made a motion the 2017-2018 budget be passed, seconded by Susie Lee. **Motion Carried**

Bylaws & Administrative Procedures Committee: Nine (9) Bylaw changes and (1) Administrative Procedure change were presented.

- Article Eight, Section 800 – Amendments: There were four proposals submitted to have the current Bylaw amended to permit the Bylaws to be revised, amended or repealed every year rather than every three years. Since all of the proposed revisions were the same the Committee presented the first submission to the body to vote on. PNP Moyses requested a roll call vote be taken if Madam President did not want a straw vote. There were more than 10 delegates who stood in favor of a roll call vote. A vote of intent was taken to determine if a roll call vote was necessary. A lengthy discussion was held. The result of the vote of intent was 46 for and 11 against. PNP Moyses withdrew her request for a roll call vote. **Motion Carried to change to yearly.**
- Article Two, Section 220 – Board Meetings Sub-Section (A): Change “Annually During the month of January or February” to “Annually during the month of March”. The rationale was to bring the bylaw into compliance with our current practice. The committee approved the submission, the committee moved for a straight up and down vote. There being no discussion the **Motion Carried.**
- Article One, Section 125 – Elections: The proposed change was to delete the last two sentences stating “When two or more nominations are made for the same office, the



election may be by Roll Call vote or secret ballot. Motion must be made prior to starting election of officers. The Rationale was these two sentences are in contradiction of the second sentences which reads "The election of the National President, National Senior Vice President, National Junior Vice President and National Judge Advocate shall be by Roll Call vote, in this order, properly recorded. The committee approved the submission, the committee moved for a straight up and down vote. Discussion was held vote taken, 27 for, 31 against. **Motion did not pass.**

- Article Seven, Subsidiaries and Subordinate Groups, Section 700 – Authority: The proposed change removed (2) under Sub-section A which relates to Incorporation. The Rationale was to place all items related to Incorporation under the same Section. The committee approved the submission, the committee moved for a straight up and down vote. During the discussion a question was asked relating to which section the maker was referring to. PNP Moyses requested the committee to inform the body the next change would put the deleted section where it belongs. **Motion Carried.**
- Article Seven, Subsidiaries and Subordinate Groups, Section 710 – Incorporation: The proposed change added the section removed from Section 700 relating to Incorporation into the proper section. The committee approved the submission, the committee moved for a straight up and down vote. There being no discussion. **Motion Carried.**
- Article Six, Section 600 – Changes to Eligibility Sub-section (c): The committee could not present this as it refers to the bylaws period being three years. The maker sent a second copy in case the bylaw revision to one year passed. Because the intent was the same the committee allowed this. The amended change was to Change eligibility to be open to change every year during the bylaw change period. The committee approved the amendment and requested a straight up and down vote. Madam President indicated the second change was not submitted in accordance with our bylaws and could not be brought to the floor for acceptance or a vote. The committee reverted to the original submission which they disapproved since the bylaws are not reviewed every three years and will not accept the second submission as it was not submitted in a timely manner. The changes will go back to the maker to be resubmitted next year. No vote was taken.
- Administrative Procedure – To add a new Section to Chapter 10 – Miscellaneous: The proposal was to add a statement regarding "The Fiscal Year" for the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary as it is not mentioned in the current bylaws or administrative procedures. The committee approved the administrative proposal and requested a straight up and down vote. There being no discussion the **Motion Carried.**

Dottie Sanning suggested the Instructions on How to Close a Unit from Meg Krebs be added to the same area where the Division Vice Presidents instructions on How to Start a New Unit are located.

Nomination of Officers: The Judge Advocate read the requirements for the offices of President, Senior Vice, and Junior Vice. Madam President read the requirements for the office of Judge Advocate. Nominations were made as follows:

- President: PNP Gerri Tuohy nominated Karen Aune – Karen accepted the nomination
- Senior Vice: Judy Blackburn nominated Carol Smith – Carol accepted the nomination
- Jr. Vice: Rogene Hackbarth nominated Evelyn Joppa – Evelyn accepted the nomination
- Judge Advocate: PNP Ruth Moyses nominated Linda Chamberlain – Linda accepted the nomination
- Judge Advocate: Darlene MacCubbin nominated Coleen English – Colleen accepted the nomination

Division Vice Presidents and their Assistants announced their intentions.

The Bible was closed and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

**Friday, August 18, 2017: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM and the Bible was opened.**

The minutes of Thursday's session were read by the convention secretary. Two minor corrections were made to the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

President Aune recognized a new member, who had been in attendance since Tuesday,

Announcements:

- Memorial Fund drawing will be held prior to lunch.
- Additional phone number for the Hotel in Buffalo is 1-888-421-1442. The website is 2018 MCLNational Conventon.com
- For the 2019 National Convention there are 3 RV Parks in the area. The cost varies from park to park.

Credentials Report: 1 National President, 87 Delegates, 13 Alternates, 17 Members, 0 Associate and 4 Guests for a total of 122.

Ship Store Report: Sales for the week totaled \$5,174.70. Karen thanked Madam President for permitting her to run the Ships Store this year. Karen also thanked her two helpers. Madam President announced that Karen would be giving up the Ships Store after this year as she will be the new VAVS Chairperson.

Past President's Club: Reagent Dorcas Simpson read her report. Coleen English will be the new Reagent.

President Aune turned the meeting over SVP Carol Smith while she went to address the League. PNP Jackie Hunter reported the Carrington Fund helped the mother of a Marine killed in the C130 crash last week by providing airfare for her to Arlington for her son's funeral.

50 Year Pin: Two (2) 50 year pins were awarded; PNP Virginia Johnson, Dept. of Michigan and Roslyn Smith, Dept. of Florida.

Guest: PNC Jim Tuohy thanked everyone for the cards, phone calls and good wishes during his recovery from surgery.

Web Master's Report: None

Banner Report: Three (3) Banners and 25 Flags were brought to the convention. The flags/banners were opened up and displayed on the back of chairs around the room during the week. Carrie and her committee were complimented for the way the flags/banners were displayed.

Old Business: None.

Officers will have formal pictures taken this evening at the banquet. Uniform pictures will remain on the website.

Mideast Division Vice President: Madam President announced that she has appointed Pat Walker to fill Judy Horensky's position until an election can be held. Pat is a member of Onslow County Marines Unit in North Carolina.

New Business: Madam President recognized her officers, committee chairs and members with award certificates.

Young Marines: Young Marines National Executive Director Col. Bill Davis showed a video on the Young Marines Leadership School. There are 9,000 Young Marines across the country in 39 states and the District of Columbia. Col. Davis also showed the new video done by Adam Baldwin promoting the Young Marines this PSA hopefully will be shown in theaters beginning in the fall.

MCL Foundation: President Gregory Hunt – The MCL Foundation operates solely on public donations they receive no corporate sponsorship, grants or big money. They rely on these funds to support humanitarian disaster relief, college scholarships funding for youth programs and helping the mothers of our Marines. This past fiscal year five (5) Marines were assisted with humanitarian disaster relief, 133 scholarships were given out for a total of \$66,500, \$10,000 annually to the Youth Foundation Board for youth programs and \$6,500 to the Marine Military Academy. President Hunt spoke on Guide Star an organization which lists all non-profit organizations throughout the country and world. If you want to know the status of a non-profit go to Guide Star .org and type in their name. The MCL Foundation holds a platinum seal of transparency and the Foundation is still a member of the Combined Federal Campaign. Every dollar donated goes to assistance only one-half of one percent is kept for administrative purposes. President Hunt announced this will be his last year as Foundation President. On the Convention Committee Side he noted the Auxiliary is the first consideration when setting up convention sites.

President Aune requested going forward transmittals be held until after the close of the National Convention to and then be submitted to National Headquarters.

Guest Speaker: Commandant Richard Gore: Commandant Gore thanked the Auxiliary for their contributions to the convention. He has asked the new Commandant to form a Building Committee to look for a building near the Marine Corps Museum which could be the home for all Marine Associations. In closing he told us to work hard, never give up and thanked us for our support.

New Business continued: The Headquarters Project drawing was held and the winners of the five (5) \$100 prizes were announced. A total of \$1750 was collected this week. Both Madam President and Peggy thanked us for our support.

Good of the Order: Elaine Schieffer thanked everyone for their kindness this week as she dealt with the death of her brother.

A new charter was presented to the Land of Legend Unit. The Unit President and Vice President were in attendance to accept the new Charter. The Charter will again be presented at their meeting on Wednesday.

Senior Vice President Carol Smith presented Madam President with her gift.

Election of Officers: PNP Ruth Moyses for a Roll Call Vote for the position of Judge Advocate. There were more than ten delegates in agreement. Madam President appointed PNP Karen Wheeler, PNP Gerri Tuohy, Dept Pres Elaine LeClare and PDP Elaine Schieffer as the four judges.

The secretary cast one unanimous vote for the Offices of President, Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President.

The two candidates for the position of Judge Advocate were asked to give their delegate badge to someone and were escorted from the meeting room. Following the vote the two candidates were escorted back into the room and the results of the Roll Call Vote were announced to the candidates.

- Linda Chamberlain 641
- Colleen English 308

Linda Chamberlain was elected Judge Advocate for the next term.

Installation of Officers will take place following the close of the convention.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed according ritual at 12:20 PM to reopen again on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted

*Linda S. Chamberlain*

Linda S. Chamberlain  
National Vice President Northeast Division

2018

95<sup>th</sup> National Marine Corps League and Auxiliary Convention

Host: Dept. of New York Marine Corps League

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Buffalo

Date August 10 – 19, 2018

Reservation Number: 1-800-233-1234. Reservations open at 8:01 a.m. on Aug 21, 2017

(There will be a one night rate authorization charged for every room reservation made)

Room rate: \$129.00 per night. This includes breakfast

There are 350 rooms available. Check-in 3 p.m. Check out at noon.

There are three check in stations available. There is a bank of 3 elevators.

Each room features complementary WI-FI, single cup coffee maker, refrigerator and hair dryer.

There are nine handicap rooms available.

The fitness center is open 24 hours per day with room key access

There is an indoor salt water pool located on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor.

A spa and salon is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. A gift shop is located in the lobby.

A business center with Wi Fi printer, copy and fax service is available

The Hotel is pet friendly (50 lbs. or less) with a \$100 charge for up to six days. Inform the hotel in advance concerning a pet. The exception is no charge for a service dog.

The Hyatt Regency features one main restaurant with American style cuisine and an EB Green's Steakhouse. There is a Starbucks coffee shop next to the restaurants.

There are approximately 30 restaurants within easy walking distance.

There is no guest laundry. A dry cleaning service is available.

Self-parking is free.

The hotel is located 12 miles from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Shuttle service will be provided.

The general meetings of the MCL, MCLA, and MODD will be held in the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center attached to the hotel directly across the street or accessible thru a covered walkway.

Respectfully submitted,

PNP Jackie Hunter, National Convention Liaison

2019

96th National Marine Corps League and Auxiliary Convention

Billings, MT

Host: Dept. of Montana Marine Corps League

Hotel: Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center

Date: August 1 - 10, 2019. Reservations open at 8:01 a.m. on Aug 20, 2018

(There will be a one night rate authorization charged for every room reservation made)

Room rate: \$99.50 per night. This includes breakfast

There are 200 rooms available. Check-in 3 p.m. Check out at noon.

There are three check in station available. There are no elevators (2 floors)

Each room features complementary Wi-Fi, single cup coffee maker, refrigerator and microwave,  
and hair dryer.

There are five handicap rooms available.

The fitness center is open 24 hours per day with room key access.

There is an indoor pool.

A business center with Wi Fi printer, copy and fax services is available.

The Hotel is pet friendly.

The hotel features one main restaurant with American style cuisine.

There are several restaurants and shopping nearby. The hotel will have shuttle service to any of these.  
There is no sales tax.

There is no guest laundry. A dry cleaning service is available,

Self-parking is free.

The hotel is located 15 minutes from the Billings Airport. Shuttle service will be provided.

American Airlines, United, Delta and Alaska Air fly into this airport

The general meetings of the MCL, MCLA and MODD will be held in the Red Lion.

Respectfully submitted,

PNP Jackie Hunter, National Convention Liaison