



Marine Corps League Auxiliary of Pennsylvania, INC

March 7, 2019

To: MCLA of PA Officers, Past Department Presidents, and Members

Subject: Summation of Business Conducted and Report of Activities from
2019 Mid-Winter Conference held in Fredericksburg, VA on March 1 and 2

Joint Opening session was held the morning of Friday, March 1, during which all Officers and guests were escorted in and then properly introduced according to protocol with each making brief comments of welcome when called upon. The Mayor of Fredericksburg welcomed the MCL/MCLA Organizations back for another year along with a history lesson about the area.

Memorial Service was conducted by the Chaplains of the League and Auxiliary. Since Buffalo last August, the NEDIV lost 167 League members and the Auxiliary lost 9.

Chapel of 4 Chaplains. Awarded 1 Humanitarian award.

Department Presidents Council occurred Friday morning prior to Joint Opening at which time SVP, Evelyn Joppa, presented a workshop based on the book The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt. Also, issues that are occurring with the newly implemented Unit Cover sheet were discussed. Everyone present was encouraged to promote the proper use of the form.

National Convention Options: Everyone who was interested was invited to hear the presentations from those bidding for the 2020 National Convention. They were Charleston, SC, Tulsa, OK, and Daytona Beach, Florida. It was decided that the 2020 National Convention will be held at the Hilton Resort at Daytona Beach. Dates are August 6-15 at a room rate of \$120.00 per night plus tax and \$10.00 per night parking.

MCLA opening session took place on the afternoon of March 1 at approximately 2:00 p.m. Officers were introduced, each took her respective station, and the meeting was opened according to the ritual.

Operation Little Angel: Due to time issues, the Founder and Director of Mary's Shelter (the OLA recipient) spoke to us about her facility and we were able to see pictures of the storage units and beds that were donated. According to the report given by

Chairperson PNP Barb Nobile, there is \$13,285.39 currently available for future donations. The April newsletter should have the name and place of our Billings recipient. Guidelines have been updated as requested.

NEXT: The Minutes from the 2018 post National Convention in addition to the Pre-Board Conference were read and approved as presented.



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Then, reports of elected officers were read while the Div. Vices declined to read theirs as copies were available to those who wanted them.

Memorial Fund: Report was given by Alima Zimmer. The fund contains more than \$14,000.00. Due to privacy, the names of those who received assistance from the Memorial Fund were blacked out on the written report that she distributed. Total of \$210.00 was collected by noon on Saturday.

Chaplain's Report was given by PNP Barbara Nobile. It reflected the numbers already reported in the Memorial Service notes listed above. Also, cards were passed around throughout the weekend for signatures.

Scholarship Committee: Dotty Sanning shared that of the 204 scholarships that were preliminarily approved last August, only 148 have been actually paid due to a variety of reasons having to do with proof of enrollment, etc.

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the General Manager of the Hospitality House, Bonnie Martin. Madam President thanked her from the Auxiliary.

Committee Guidelines: If you serve as the Chairperson of a National Committee, PNP Karen Aune stressed that the written guidelines that have been requested need to be submitted soon.

MODD Fleas: Madam Big Flea, Dotty Sanning, announced that her theme for the 2019 Scratch is "Sports".

Meeting was closed for the day.

Saturday, March 2: Meeting was called to order per ritual, minutes from Friday were read and approved and then the 5 new attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Guest Speaker: Chief Devil Dog, Leonard Spicer, entered the room to present two checks in the amount of \$1250.00 each. One was for the MCLA and the other for OLA. After the Chief departed, reports continued with JVP, Linda Chamberlain reporting on our membership numbers. As of December 31, 2018, there were 2380 members transmitted. There were 2731 reported last August during National Convention.

Comptroller: Peggy Touhy announced that all invoices were paid on time.

Budget and Allowance: PNP Gerri Tuohy stated that the Budget Committee met to assess progress in the yearly budget. The numbers look on track with regard to the profit/loss expectations for the remainder of our fiscal year.



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By-Laws and Administrative Procedures: Reminder that May 7, 2019 is the last date for any amendment submissions to reach HQ.

Chapel of 4 Chaplains: Sydney Minchin could not report what was collected during Friday's gathering due to lack of communication from those who counted the donations.

National HQ project report. Peggy Tuohy stated that she received responses from about 5% of the membership with a net profit of \$1876.00.

Ships Store: As of close of business on Saturday, total sales were \$5437.10

National Secretary: Karen Grady was introduced to the body and thanked for continuing to do a great job.

It was announced that the Board members will now receive a copy of the Semper Fi magazine courtesy of the League.

Madam President, Carol Smith, presented PNP Karen Aune with her Memory Book.

Declaration of Intent to run for Office:

National President, Evelyn Joppa

SVP, Linda Chamberlain

JVP, Dotty Sanning

JA, Mary Brief

Division Vices and Assistants announced to the best of their ability.

Conference was closed according to our Ritual.

In summary, there are three items of interest that I learned at this Conference. They are as follows:

1. The current President is serving only one term which means a new group of Officers at each position.
2. The 2020 National Convention will take place in Daytona Beach, Florida
3. The theme for this year's Scratch held in Billings, Montana is "Sports"

Respectfully submitted,

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