

Proposed Enclosure 3 Changes

To: Meg Thoburn, National Adjutant/Paymaster

March 24, 2016

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Subject: Revision to MCL National Uniform Code, Enclosure Three, Section V, Subsection (D) that currently reads, in part:

D. The only insignia authorized for wear on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem (Enlisted Style Only) on the Left Side. The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover...

Proposed Change:

D. The only insignias authorized for wear on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem (Enlisted Style Only) on the Left Side and additionally, FMF Corpsman are authorized to wear a black FMF Caduceus pin (1"X 3/4") on the Right Side (see attachments).

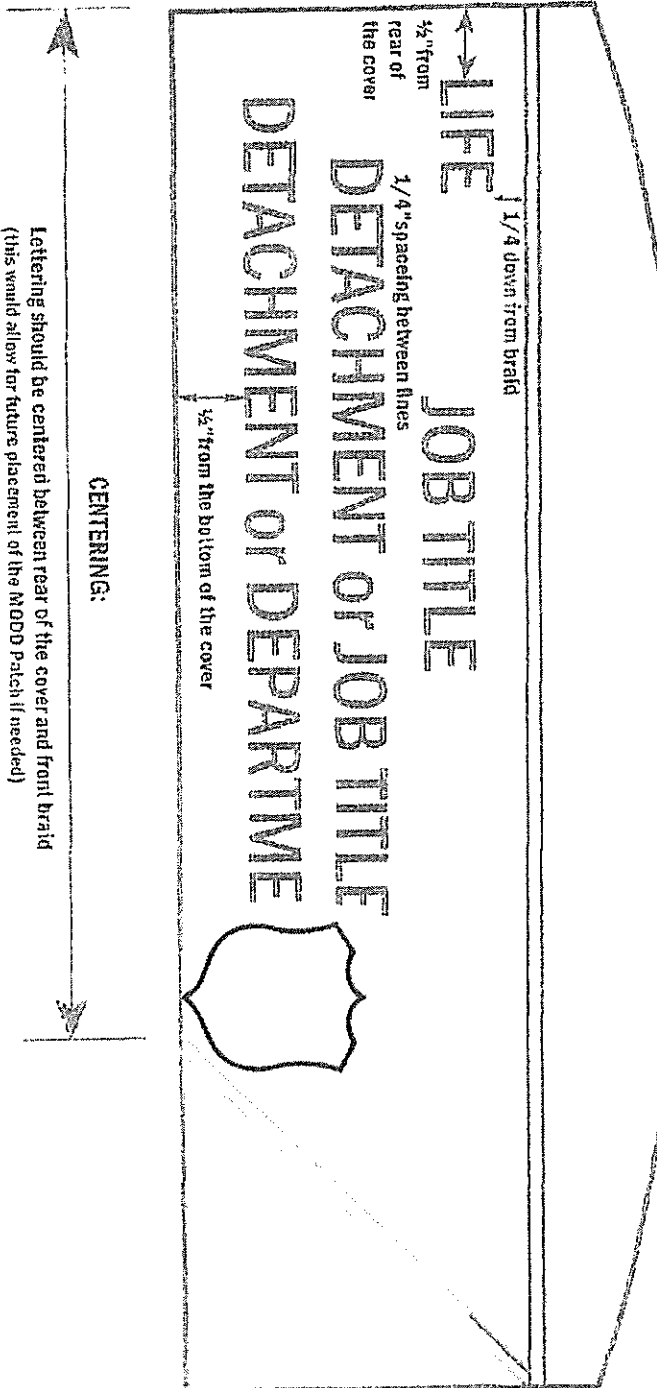
Rationale:

FMF Corpsman have and will continue to be very active members of the Marine Corps League. Whether in peace or in combat conditions, they have stood side by side with the Marines. Now, they continue as MCL members. To allow them to display on the cover the FMF Black Caduceus would be a token of appreciation and recognition for their commitment to marines from the MCL. This small gesture could only help to promote the goals for recruitment and retention of the League.

See attachments:

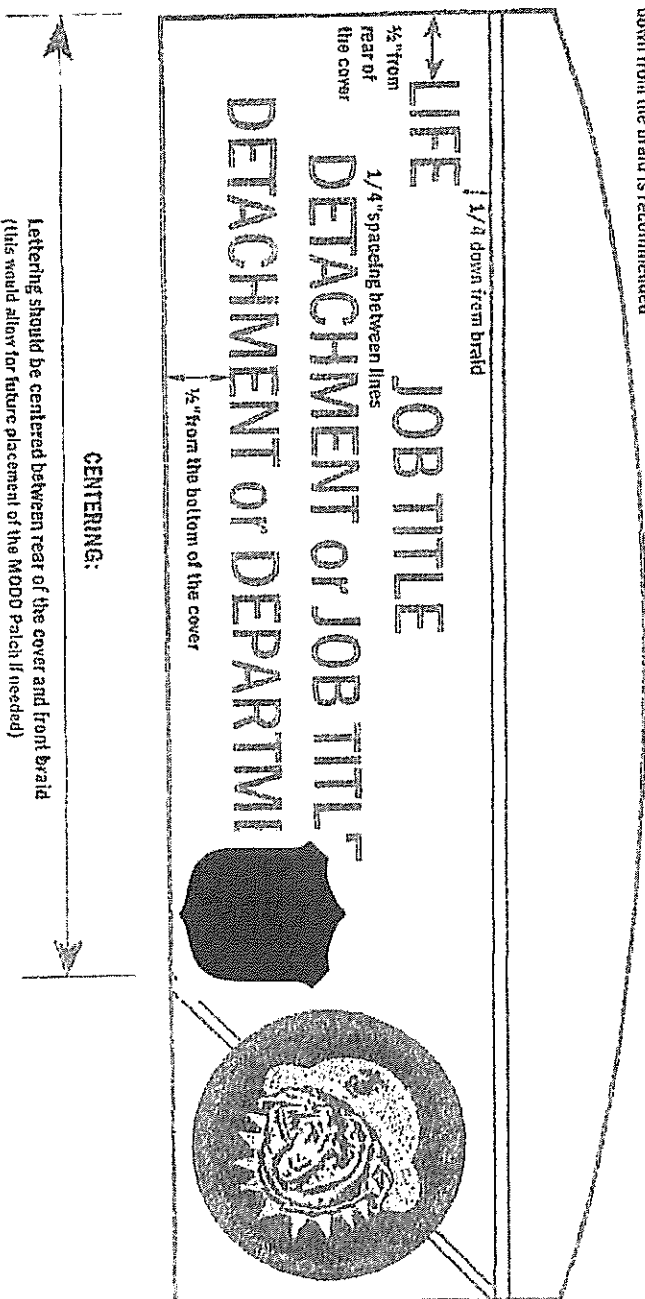
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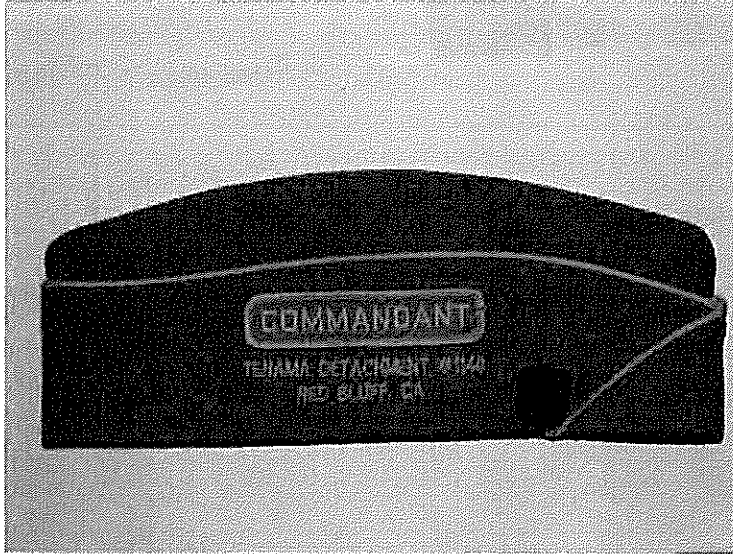
For neatness 1/2 inch line rear of the cover and 1/4" down from the braid is recommended



ATTACHMENT 2

For measures of unit the rear of the cover and 1/4" down from the braid is recommended





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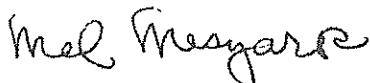
To: National Adjutant/Paymaster/Marine Corps League

From: Melvyn Meszaros /John Basilone Det.190

Present Text: UNIFORM CODE – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ...ENCLOSURE THREE (3) ...REVISED and RE-FORMATED at NATIONAL CONVENTION,SCOTTSDALE,ARZ. -8/15 EFFECTIVE 8/22/15- INCORPORATED in CHANGE 21...PREFACE...THE GUIDENCE OF THIS UNIFORM CODE IS PRESENTED AS A STANDARD TO ESTABLISH UNIFORMITY AND DEFINE APPROPRIATE WEAR OF THE MCL UNIFORM. THE WORD "UNIFORM"ITSELF IS DEFINED AS (1) ALWAYS THE SAME (2) CONFORMING TO ONE PRINCIPLE, STANDARD OR RULE; CONSTENT.

Proposed Text Added To Present Text: THE MCL UNIFORM SHALL CONSIST OF MCL RIBBONS AND ATTIRE "ONLY". THE MCL WOMENS AUXILIARY UNIFORM SHALL CONSIST OF MCL WOMENS AUXILIARY RIBBONS AND ATTIRE "ONLY". THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS UNIFORM SHALL CONSIST OF MODD RIBBONS AND ATTIRE "ONLY". THE YOUNG MARINES UNIFORM SHALL CONSIST OF YOUNG MARINES RIBBONS AND ATTIRE "ONLY".ALL FOUR ORGANIZATIONS ARE "SEPARATE" AND OPERATE UNDER SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT BYLAWS. THEREFORE AS STATED IN ABOVE PRESENT TEXT.."ESTABLISH UNIFORMITY" ..IS ACCOMPLISHED WHEN AT MCL FUNCTIONS WEAR MCL UNIFORM; AT MCL WOMENS AUXILIARY FUNCTIONS WEAR MCL WOMENS AUXILIARY UNIFORM, AT MODD FUNCTIONS WEAR MODD UNIFORM; AND AT YOUNG MARINES FUNCTIONS WEAR YOUNG MARINES UNIFORM.

Rational Justification: DEFINED AS FOUR (4) "SEPARATE" ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MCL NATIONAL BYLAWS. THUS JUSTIFYING PROPOSING "NOT MIXING AND MATCHING RIBBONS AND ATTIRE BETWEEN THE FOUR (4) SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS"

Respectfully submitted: 

Marine Mel Meszaros/Life Member John Basilone Det.190

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Harford County Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

9 November 2015

To: National Adjutant/Paymaster
From: Detachment 1198 Commandant Evelyn F. Remines
Subj: **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS / ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – ENCLOSURE 3, VIII. LAPEL PINS – APPROVED LAPEL PINS**

In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800(a) the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at a National Convention.

ENCLOSURE THREE (3), VIII. LAPEL PINS – APPROVED LAPEL PINS currently reads:

1. PAST NATIONAL COMMANDANT
2. NATIONAL MARINE OF THE YEAR
3. PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT
4. PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDANT
5. DEVIL DOG OF THE YEAR
6. CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS
7. MCL MEMBERSHIP PIN
8. RETIRED MARINE/NAVY PIN

Change to ADD as follows:

ENCLOSURE THREE (3), VIII. LAPEL PINS- APPROVED LAPEL PINS:

- ...
9. AMERICAN FLAG PIN

Rationale:

On many occasions, it has been questioned why the Marine Corps League, a Congressionally Chartered society of Former U.S. Marines and Navy Corpsmen & Chaplains cannot wear a U.S. Flag Pin on the lapel of their Red Blazers. It has been met with much heated debate as many MCL members would like to express their patriotism by being allowed to wear the U.S. Flag pin. MCL members are proud of their service to our great Nation and feel they should have the right to wear the greatest symbol of our Country openly on their MCL uniform.

The majority of the lapel pin options may not apply to a majority of the membership. Most members are not a Past National, Department or Detachment Commandant, National Marine of the Year, Devil Dog of the Year, retired Marine or Seaman, or Chapel of Four Chaplains award recipient. Allowing the addition of the US Flag Pin to the authorized pin options will allow members who normally wear only one pin to wear two.

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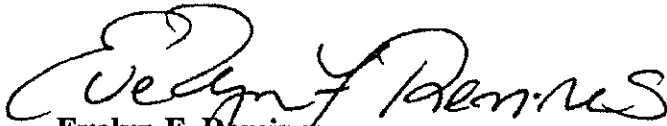
Once a Marine, Always a Marine

The argument that an additional pin, i.e. the American flag pin will cause too many uniform violations is not a valid one. There is currently no retribution for anyone who commits uniform violations and they run rapid at any given event at any level. *HOWEVER*, those members who do choose to follow proper uniform protocol do so in the strictest of manners and do not wear an American Flag pin even though they greatly desire to. The members who are respectful of the uniform code should not be punished by omission of wearing an American flag pin to express their patriotism due to a few individuals who refuse to follow, or are not knowledgeable, on uniform protocol.

On behalf of those who have expressed an interest in having this bylaw change ratified, it is with respect that we ask that this be allowed to be passed onto the general membership for a vote during the National Convention's regular order of business.

Respectfully submitted;

Semper Fi,



Evelyn F. Remines

Commandant

Harford County Detachment 1198

Department of Maryland

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National Adjutant/Paymaster
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Amendment to the Administrative Procedures

Enclosure Three / UNIFORM CODE

Medallions & Uniform Code

Situation:

The current text under the uniform code gives a subsidiary and subordinate groups' recognition awards precedence over MCL proper recognition awards, as an example, listing the Devil Dog collar over the prestigious Marine of the Year Medallions and other MCL specific recognition awards.

Current Text:

X MEDALLIONS

The Medal and Ribbon presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains or the National, Division, Department or Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion may be worn with the RED BLAZER CASUAL or FORMAL UNIFORM, THE EVENING DRESS UNIFORM {MALE AND FEMALE} ONLY in lieu of the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar at the option of the wearer. Only one of these devices, medallions or collars, may be worn at any one time.

Male Uniform

CASUAL UNIFORM - RED BLAZER

- Devil Dog collar, or other Medallions or Collars, Chapel of the Four Chaplains Medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion Award may be worn, if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- Devil Dog collar, MARINE OF THE YEAR MEDALLION, OR CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS MEDALLION, LEGION OF MERIT, HUMANITARIAN AWARD OF THE BRONZE MEDALLION AWARD may be worn if authorized (optional) (Paragraph X)

Female Uniform

CASUAL UNIFORM – RED BLAZER

- Devil Dog collar, (if authorized) (optional)

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- Devil Dog collar, Marine of the Year Medallion, or Chapel of Four Chaplains Medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion

Proposed Amendment to Current Text:

X MEDALLIONS

The National, Division, Department or Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion or any other MCL recognition Medallion-Ribbon presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains may be worn with the RED BLAZER CASUAL or FORMAL UNIFORM, or THE EVENING DRESS UNIFORM {MALE AND FEMALE}. Only one of these devices, medallions or collars, may be worn at any one time, e.g., the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar may be worn in lieu of the MCL specific recognition medallions at the option of the wearer.

Male Uniform

CASUAL UNIFORM - RED BLAZER

- The Marine of the Year Medallion, Chapel of Four Chaplains medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion Award or other medallions or collars, e.g., Devil Dog collar, may be worn if authorized. (optional) (Paragraph X)

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- The Marine of the Year Medallion, Chapel of Four Chaplains Medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion Award or Devil Dog collar, may be worn if authorized. (optional) (Paragraph X)

Female Uniform

CASUAL UNIFORM – RED BLAZER

- The Marine of the Year Medallion, Chapel of Four Chaplains medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion Award or other medallions or collars, e.g., Devil Dog collar, may be worn if authorized. (optional) (Paragraph X)

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

- The Marine of the Year Medallion, Chapel of Four Chaplains medallion, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award of the Bronze Medallion Award or other medallions or collars, e.g., Devil Dog collar, may be worn if authorized. (optional) (Paragraph X)

Rationale for Amendment:

No subsidiaries and/or subordinate groups' recognition awards and/or devices, e.g., The Military Order of Devil Dogs, should ever take or appear to take precedence over MCL specific recognition awards and devices.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Proposed Enclosure 4 Changes

March 26, 2016

From: Roy A. Thacker

To: National/Adjutant-Paymaster

Subject: Proposed Amendment to the National Bylaws **Revised: This proposal supersedes the previous submittal dated March 18, 2016.**

In accordance with Article Eight, SECTION 800 of the National Bylaws, the following amendment is proposed.

Add a new Section to ENCLOSURE FOUR (4) MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS to read as follows:

Enclosure Four (4)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

Enclosure Four (4) Marine Corps League Awards is revised to add:

National, Division, Department and Detachment Associate Member of the Year Medallion

The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of an "Associate Member of the Year" Medallion for National, Division, Department, and Detachments.

Criteria for the award: All nominations for this award are initiated in writing at the detachment level. The award is awarded by the commandants on each level (Division Vice-Commandant on the Division Level.) This medallion will be worn around the neck suspended by the appropriate color ribbon depending on the level of the award. **This award is retroactive to January 1, 2011 for all individuals who have received this award.**

A- National Medallion Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion

Medallion Ribbon Red, Gold, White

Ribbon Scarlet, Gold, White 

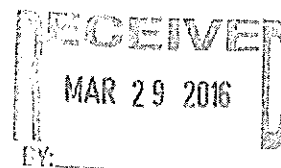
Awarded By: National Commandant

B- Division Medallion Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion

Medallion Ribbon Gold, Scarlet, Gold

Ribbon Gold, Scarlet, Gold 

Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant



**C- Department Medallion Standard Associate Member of the Year medallion
Medallion Ribbon Gold, Black, Gold**

Ribbon Gold, Black, Gold



Awarded By: Department Commandant

**D- Detachment Medallion Standard Associate Member of the Year medallion
Medallion Ribbon Scarlet, Black Scarlet**

Ribbon Scarlet, Black, Scarlet



Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

The National Associate Member of the Year is to be worn around the neck suspended by the appropriate color ribbon depending on the level of the award. The ribbon and medallion is to be 1 3/4 inches wide. The medallion contains a sunburst surrounded with the words "Associate member of the year."

The Associate Member of the Year Medallion is authorized for wear with the Casual and Formal Uniform only as set forth in enclosure three (3) of these bylaws. While wearing the Associate Member of the Year medallion no other medal or devices shall also be suspended from the neck. No pins or other devices shall be attached to the suspension ribbon. In the event the person authorized to wear the Associate Member of the Year Award has been selected at more than one level for such an honor, the senior medallion and suspension ribbon will be worn.

The order of Precedence shall be determined by the Awards Committee.

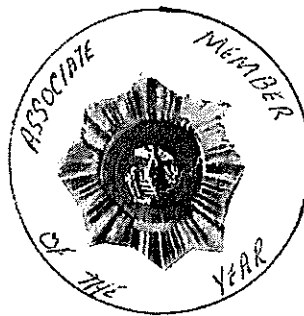
Rational:

In our detachment, we have associate members who are performing a lot of work on behalf of the Marine Corps League. All are performing above the standards expected of regular members. For the past five years, their achievements have been recognized by awarding an Associate Member of the Year Certificate. Too often Certificates are filed away and forgotten. A better way to honor these associates is for the League to adopt a ribbon and a medallion that they can proudly wear as the Associate Member of the Year.

Roy A. Thacker
Commandant
Col. Phillip C. Delong Det. #1267

Associate Member of the Year Medallion

The Associate Member of the Year Medallion is 1 ¾ inches in diameter. It is "gold" in color. It is slightly smaller than the 2 inch Marine of the Year Medallion. It hangs around the neck by a 1 ¾ inch ribbon that has the same color scheme as the level of the awarded ribbon. It contains the "Starburst" that the Associate Member wears on his/her color. Surrounding the Starburst are the words "Associate Member of the Year."



The Ribbons and the ribbon attached to the medallion follows closely the color scheme used in the Marine Corps League.

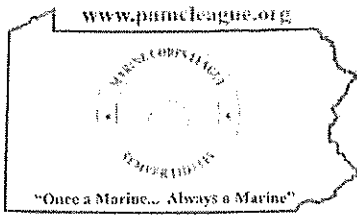
The Detachment level award uses the lower levels of Scarlet, Black, Scarlet.

The Department level uses the higher level of Gold, but retains the Black. Thus the combination of Gold, Black & Gold.

The Division Level uses the Gold from the Division Level, and the Scarlet from the Detachment Level. Thus the Combination of Gold, Scarlet, Gold

The Nation Level uses a combination of the three (3) colors of the three (3) upper levels of the League. Thus the colors of Scarlet, Gold White.

The final determination of the ribbon color scheme shall be determined by the Awards Committee.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

To: Meg Thoburn, National Adjutant/Paymaster
CC: Awards & Citations Committee, Marine Corps League
From: PDC Leanna L. Dietrich, Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Subject: 75th Anniversary Medal and Ribbon Recommendation

Leanna L. Dietrich

In accordance with Article Eight, Section 800 this proposed change to Enclosure Four is being submitted for consideration at the 2016 National Convention.

The Past Department Commandants of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc. discussed the 75th chartering of the Department of Pennsylvania. After much research they have designed a miniature medal and ribbon to commemorate this anniversary. They recommendations have been presented to the membership of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc. and have the backing of the membership.

Ribbon description: Evenly spaced horizontal fields dark red, dark gold, red with a blue 75 stenciled in the center.

Miniature Medal description: Evenly spaced horizontal fields dark red, dark gold, red with a gold keystone with a blue 75 in the center suspended from the ribbon.

Order of Precedence Miniature Medal: This medal will follow the 60th Anniversary of the Department of Washington Convention miniature medal.

Order of Precedence Ribbon: This medal will follow the 60th Anniversary of the Department of Washington Convention ribbon.

Eligibility: Any member in good standing in the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc. on 1 June 2018 would be eligibility to wear the 75th Anniversary ribbon.

Rationale: The seventy-fifth anniversary of the charter of any department should be commemorated. The colors on the medal and ribbon are the Marine Corps colors (red and gold) and the colors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (blue and gold). The keystone is synonymous with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, "The Keystone State". The members of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc. should be able to show their pride in the membership and Department.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Past Department Commandants and the membership of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.

PDC (PCDD) Leanna L. Dietrich *Leanna L. Dietrich*
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28 March 2016

From: National Judge Advocate Johnny Baker

To: Meg Thoburn, National Adjutant/Paymaster

Subj: Proposed Bylaw Change

In accordance with National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at National Convention.

ENCLOSURE FOUR(4) – MARINE CCORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

Current subparagraph (b) reads:

Ceremonial Guard Ribbon (See NOTE 1)

Ribbon: Thin White, Blue, Red, Blue, Thin White

Awarded By: National, Department, or Detachment Commandant

Recommended by: Ceremonial Guard Commander

Criteria for Award: Must participate in 10 events for each award. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle Detail or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit.

Change Subparagraph (b) to read as follows: (Change is underlined)

Ceremonial Guard Ribbon (See NOTE 1)

Ribbon: Thin White, Blue, Red, Blue, Thin White

Awarded By: National, Department, or Detachment Commandant

Recommended by: Ceremonial Guard Commander

Effective Date: 13 August 2015

Criteria for Award: Must participate in 10 events for each award. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle Detail or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit. Can only be approved by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant. Only the Commandant is authorized to present the Ceremonial Guard Ribbon in the appropriate ceremony after the documentation and the verification of the 10 events. Replacement ribbons can be purchased by the Marine only after the original ribbon was awarded. Events attended prior to 13 August 2015 will not be used for this award.

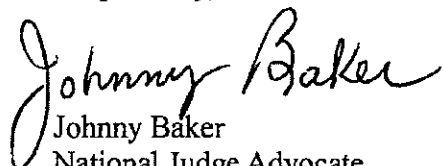
RATIONALE:

Section 805 states that each revision, amendment or repeal of a provision of the National Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedures which are approved at a National Convention, as outlined in Section 800, and does not provide for an effective date will become effective upon the close of the National Convention at which it is approved.

This bylaw did not have an effective date so therefore as stated in Section 805, the bylaw is effective as of 13 August 2015. This Bylaw change positive states the effective date. Only "events" as listed above can only be used for this award IF they were performed after 13 August 2015. This award is not retroactive and "events" before that date cannot be used or awarded.

This Bylaw change further authorizes only the Detachment, Department, and National Commandant to present this award and this Bylaw changes reinforces that change.

Respectfully,


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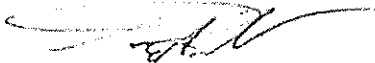
March 29, 2016

National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thoburn
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Dear Ms. Thoburn,

Attached is a one sentence addition to a Bylaws change that was went into effect in August 2015. The original Bylaw that was passed did not have a retroactive date. The result has been hurt feelings by color guard members who had to drop out because of sickness or family problems. All of them are senior citizens who live in a large retirement community. Here is a chance to make things right for them.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Roy A. Thacker
Commandant
Col. Phillip C. Delong Detachment #1267

March 29, 2016

From: Roy A. Thacker
To: National/Adjutant-Paymaster
Subject: Proposed Amendment to the National Bylaws

In accordance with Article Eight, SECTION 800 of the National Bylaws, the following amendment is proposed.

Add a new Sentence to ENCLOSURE FOUR (4) MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS to read as follows:

Enclosure Four (4)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS

Enclosure Four (4) Marine Corps League Awards is revised to add the following sentence to the Ceremonial Guard Ribbon

“This award is retroactive to January 1, 2010 for all individuals who have met the qualifications for the award.”

Rational:

In our detachment, we have many members of the Color Guard that have served for years. Due to sickness and family reasons that had to drop out before the August 2015 date. All of these marines are senior citizens who live in a large retirement community. The August date is causing hard feelings among these Marines who feel that they have been left out. To remedy this I am requesting the award be made retroactive to January 1, 2010.



Roy A. Thacker
Commandant
Col. Phillip C. Delong Det. #1267