

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS BYLAWS



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1. **Purpose.** These Bylaws provide guidance concerning the function and organization of the Department of Texas. The primary goal of these Bylaws is to ensure that the Department of Texas is operated in accordance with the Marine Corps League's structure and to follow all local, state, and national laws. The 2017 Edition of the Department of Texas Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are hereby canceled this date.

2. **Background.** At the 2019 Department of Texas Convention held in Abilene, TX the Department of Texas Bylaws were completely rewritten to ensure that the Marine Corps League is following all local, state, and national legal requirements. These Department Bylaws state the responsibilities incumbent upon all Marine Corps League's members and state the requirements that will ultimately facilitate the mission of the League.

3. **Goal.** The goal of the Department of Texas Bylaws is to provide the Department leadership effective resources and guidance to ensure that Detachments, Districts and Department, are successful and relevant to the membership. These Bylaws and the Administrative Procedures set the specific guidelines and requirements for all Department members to follow.

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4. **Ratification.** These Department Bylaws were presented to all members at the 2019 Department Convention held in Abilene, TX. There was a motion and a second by qualified delegates to accept and approve the Department Bylaws. Discussion phase was opened, and all questions or changes were made. The Department Bylaws were ratified/approved by majority vote of all members present at the 2019 Department of Texas Convention on Saturday, 29 June 2019.

5. **Effective Date of Department of Texas Bylaws.** These Bylaws were effective on 29 June 2019, the last day of the 2019 Department of Texas Convention as required by the 2019 Department Bylaws, Section 1105.

6. **Reviewed and Approved:**

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Department Commandant

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Department Sr. Vice Commandant

Respectfully Submitted:

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Approved:

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### ARTICLE I

#### Name

**Section 100. Name.** The name of the corporation shall be the Marine Corps League. (MCL). The Marine Corps League is a non-profit corporation incorporated by an Act of the Seventy-fifth Congress of the United States of America at the First Session, begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fifth day of January 1937, and approved August 4, 1937.

**Section 105. Mission Statement.** The mission statement of the Marine Corps League is “Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.”

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**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose of the Marine Corps League**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article II**

**ARTICLE III**

**Organization**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article III**

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## ARTICLE IV Department Convention

### Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article IV (With the Addition of)

#### Section 415. Elections

a. The election of Department Officers shall be the last order of business of the Department Convention. The election of the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster (or **Adjutant/Paymaster**), Sgt at Arms and Chaplain shall be conducted in this order by a roll call vote. Following this procedure, the election of District Vice Commandants and Assistant District Vice Commandants (if required) shall be conducted by acclamation. The Installation of Officers shall be at the call of the current Commandant.



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**ARTICLE V  
Membership**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article V**

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## ARTICLE VI Department Board of Trustees

### Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article VI (With the addition of)

**Section 625. Duties of Department Board of Trustee Members.** Each member of the Board of Trustees shall acquire a working knowledge of the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the MCL and Department. The specific duties of the Board of Trustees are:

a. **Department Commandant** shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall preside at all sessions of the Convention and all meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Commandant, together with the Board of Trustees, shall have direction and control of the executive and administrative affairs of the Department between conventions. In addition, the Commandant shall:

(10) The Commandant may not hold any other office in the Marine Corps League. If this be the case then they shall resign from the lower office upon being sworn in.

d. **Department Judge Advocate** shall interpret the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. They shall advise, construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of law and procedure to the Convention, Commandant, Board of Trustees, and Detachments when so required in the manner outlined hereafter. A copy of all rulings and opinions must be immediately submitted to the Commandant, Board of Trustees and parties concerned. (Electronic submission is acceptable unless otherwise directed.)

(3) **Questions Though Channels.** On all questions of law and procedure pertaining to the Department of Texas referred to this office through channels, the Department Judge Advocate shall rule in writing, by mail or electronic submission, copies of the ruling to the parties concerned and to the Department Commandant and National Judge Advocate. Such rulings shall be binding unless and until reversed by the National Judge Advocate.

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**ARTICLE VII  
Department Staff Officers**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article VII**

**ARTICLE VIII  
Departments**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article VIII**

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### ARTICLE IX Detachments

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article IX  
(With the addition of)**

#### **Section 945. Suspension and Revocation of Charter**

a. **Basis.** The charter of a detachment may be suspended or revoked for:

(2) The persistent failure to forward promptly funds due to the National body (**including Paid Life Member “PLM” report**);

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**ARTICLE X  
Subsidiary Organizations**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article X**

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## ARTICLE XI

### Department Bylaws Amendments

#### **Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article IX (With the addition of)**

**Section 1100. Department Bylaws Amendments.** The Department Bylaws may be revised, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates present and voting at the Department Convention, provided the proposed revision, amendment, or repeal is submitted in triplicate typewritten form in the exact wording to the Department Adjutant/Paymaster, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the Department Convention at which said proposal is to be considered, and further provided Department Adjutant/Paymaster shall distribute copies of each proposal, without personal comment, to all legally existing Detachments no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the Department Convention at which said proposal is to be considered.

a. At the discretion of the Adjutant (Adjutant/Paymaster) in lieu of triplicate copies by mail, electronic submission is acceptable. Additionally, electronic copies may be sent to the Detachment Commandants.

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**ARTICLE XII  
Dissolution**

**Department of Texas adheres to National By-laws, Article XII**