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1. **Purpose**. These Bylaws provide guidance concerning the function and organization of the Marine Corps League. The primary goal of these Bylaws is to ensure that the Marine Corps League is operated in accordance with the Marine Corps League's structure and to follow all local, state, and national laws. The 2025 Edition of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are hereby cancelled on this date.

2. **Background**. At the 2026 National Convention held in Indianapolis, IN, the National Bylaws were updated to ensure that the Marine Corps League is following all local, state, and national legal requirements. These National Bylaws state the responsibilities incumbent upon all Marine Corps Leagues members and state the requirements that will facilitate the mission of the League.

3. **Goal**. The goal of the Marine Corps League National Bylaws is to provide the Marine Corps League leadership effective resources and guidance to ensure that Detachments, Departments, Divisions, and the Marine Corps League are successful and relevant to the membership. These National Bylaws and the Marine Corps League's Administrative Procedures set the specific guidelines and requirements for all Marine Corps League members to follow.

4. **Ratification**. These National Bylaws were presented to all members at the 2026 National Convention held in Indianapolis, IN. There was a motion and a second by qualified delegates to accept and approve the National Bylaws. Discussion phase was opened, and all questions or changes were made. The National Bylaws changes were ratified/approved by majority vote of all members present at the 2026 National Convention on Thursday, 13 August 2026.

5. **Effective Date of National Bylaws**. These Bylaws were effective on 14 August 2026, the last day of the 2026 National Convention as required by the 2025 National Bylaws, Section 1105.

6. **Reviewed and Approved:**

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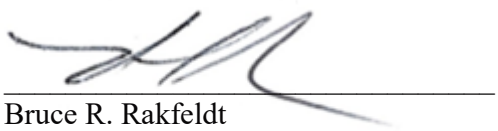

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NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE I
Name

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 of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

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NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE II
Purpose of the Marine Corps League

Section 200. Purpose. The purposes of the Marine Corps League (MCL) shall be:

a. To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;

b. To band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;

c. To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;

d. To hold sacred the history and memory of all who have given their lives to the Nation; (REV 2025)

e. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;

f. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

g. To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life;

h. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines, FMF Navy Personnel, as well as their widows and orphans; and

i. 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.

Section 205. Not for profit. The MCL is not organized for and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the property of the corporation and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, member, or other private individual. The MCL shall never be authorized to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit or in any other activity except in furtherance of the purposes for which the MCL are organized.

Section 210. Non-Discrimination. The Marine Corps League:

a. Shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue;

b. Shall not be sectarian, political, and partisan;

c. Shall not be based on race, color, creed, nationality, or sex;

d. Shall not be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment' and

e. Shall not use former or present military rank or former or present civilian position as the basis for special consideration and preferment.

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ARTICLE III
Organization

Section 300. Organization. The constituted bodies of the organization shall be National Convention, Divisions, Departments, Districts, Detachments, and Subsidiary Organizations. (REV 2026)

Section 305. National Convention. A National Organization to be known as the National Convention, Marine Corps League.

Section 310. Divisions. Subordinate Regional Organizations to be known as divisions, the extent and boundaries of which shall be as outlined in the NAP.

Section 315. Departments. Subordinate state organizations to be known as departments.

Section 318. Districts. Department level geographic or administrative subdivision established by a Department to facilitate the oversight and support of Detachments. Districts are internal to a Department and do not constitute a separate level of the Marine Corps League. (New 2026)

Section 320. Detachments. Subordinate local organizations located anywhere in the United States, its territories, or on foreign soil, to be known as detachments.

Section 325. Subsidiary Organizations. Such subsidiary organizations as the National organization may create, establish or recognize.

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ARTICLE IV
National Convention

Section 400. Authority. The legislative and policy making power of the Marine Corps League (MCL) shall be vested in a National Convention composed of properly elected, registered, and approved delegates in good standing. Only executive and administrative powers will be delegated to its National BOT or to individual members of the MCL.

Section 405. Committees. The National Convention's administrative committees shall be: Credentials, Bylaws, Resolutions, Rules, and others that may be listed within by the NAP.

Section 410. Quorum. The minimum number required to transact the regular and legal business of a National Convention shall be the registered and approved delegates in good standing from 30% of all chartered departments in the Marine Corps League. (REV 2023)

Section 415. Elections

a. The election of National Officers shall be the last order of business of the National Convention. The election of the National Commandant, the National Senior Vice Commandant, the National Junior Vice Commandant, and the National Judge Advocate shall be conducted in this order by a roll call vote unless there is only one nominee for a national office, in which case, the election of the national officer may be declared by acclimation. Following this procedure, the election of Division Vice Commandants and Assistant Division Vice Commandants shall be conducted by acclamation. The installation of officers shall be at the call of the current National Commandant. (REV 2026)

b. A majority of the delegate votes cast at the National Convention is required to elect the National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, and National Judge Advocate. When a simple majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a second ballot will immediately commence after a caucus (not to exceed ten minutes). Should a majority fail to materialize on the second or successive ballots, the candidate with the least votes shall be dropped as a contender (after each ballot) until a simple majority is achieved.

c. The Division's National Vice Commandants and Assistant Division Vice Commandants will be elected by "caucus" prior to the "vote by acclamation" on the National Convention floor. This "caucus" may be completed at the Division Conference or at the National Convention prior to the official election at the Convention by using the process used by the National Credentials Committee. Caucus is defined as "each department has their voting strength from those detachment's present at the Division Conference or the National Convention." The division itself can determine when the election is held, as long as it is conducted with a "caucus." During the caucus, a department may split their voting strength as determined by that department.

Section 420. Meetings. The National Convention shall be convened once each calendar year during the month of August unless prevented by national emergency or other unpreventable cause. The time and place of the meeting shall be in accordance with the National Administrative Procedures.

Section 425. Parliamentary Authority. The current edition of *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised* shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the National Bylaws and National Administrative Procedures and any special rules of order National may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the NBL, then the NAP, then RRNR.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE V
Membership

Section 500. Membership. Each detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing the person meets the requirements of Section 515 and Section 520 below.

Section 505. Rights of Members. No member shall be deprived of any rights and privileges in the MCL except for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness, unless the member shall first be charged, tried, and found guilty in accordance with the provisions of the NAP, Chapter Nine, dealing with offenses and penalties. Exception; a member that has been officially charged and is pending a "Hearing Board" in accordance with the NAP, Chapter Nine, may be "temporarily suspended" by the Jurisdictional Judge Advocate pending the results of the chapter nine hearing.

Section 510. Rights of Appeal. The right of appeal under the provisions of the NBL and NAP shall not be denied.

Section 515. Categories of Membership

a. **Regular Membership.** Only the following may be regular members of the MCL:

(1) **Marines** who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve;

(2) **U.S. Navy Personnel**

(a) who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Navy and who have trained with Marine FMF units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon, (i.e.: Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, etc.); or

(b) earned the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device (FMFEWS) (1 Oct 2006 to present) or the Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer (FMFQO) Insignia (1 Jan 2006 to present) which must be noted on the DD214 form. An Award of the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon (FMF Ribbon) (1 Sept 1984 - 30 Sept 2006), the FMFEWS or FMFO may serve as prima facie evidence of eligibility.

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Note * - "Served Honorably" is determined by the last DD Form 214 or certificate of discharge that the applicant received. A General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. An Entry Level Separation (ELS) or Uncharacterized Discharge is **not** acceptable. (REV 2025)

b. **Associate Member.** Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter and meet the criteria in Section 515, b., (1) below may upon application to a detachment be accepted for associate

membership in the Marine Corps League. Upon acceptance, associate members will pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees.

(1) **Enrollment Criteria**

(a) Individuals must have reached the statutory minimum age for enlistment into the armed forces of the United States;

(b) Individuals may join who have never served in a branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(c) Individuals who are serving or have served honorably* in other branches of the armed forces of the United States;

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Note * - "Served Honorably" is determined by the last DD Form 214 or certificate of discharge that the applicant received. A General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. An Entry Level Separation (ELS) or Uncharacterized Discharge may be acceptable, provided no disqualifying conduct or criminal conviction exists inconsistent with the purposes of the Marine Corps League. (REV 2026)

(2) **Join Detachment**. Individuals applying for associate membership must join through a Marine Corps League detachment only. Associate members can not directly join the Marine Corps League as a "Member at Large."

(3) **Rights.** Associate members shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member unless otherwise prohibited as listed Section 515 b., (4) and (5) below.

(4) **Voting**

(a) Associate members shall not vote on a regular or associate membership application;

(b) Associate members shall not participate in the nomination process and/or voting for elected officers; and

(c) A department or detachment, by provisions in the bylaws and/or administrative procedures, may allow an associate member to vote on its internal affairs if such vote does not affect a policy of the MCL, such as bylaws or bylaw changes.

(5) **Elected Office.** Associate members shall not hold an elective office.

c. **Honorary Member.** Detachments, departments, and the National may, at the discretion of the respective commandant, issue honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, the United States Marine Corps, or the MCL. The honorary member will not be entitled to the rights,

privileges, and benefits available to a regular or associate member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion by the organization making the award. Payment of dues or initiation fees is not required; however, an honorary member will not be entitled to the official publication of the MCL except as directed by the National BOT or paid subscription. All "Honorary Memberships" are for a one-year period only and must be renewed each year by the detachment, department, or National.

Section 520. Ineligible for Membership

a. No detachment, may accept as a regular, associate, or any honorary member any person:

(1) who is currently incarcerated or on supervised probation* for any felony conviction or any misdemeanor conviction; or

(2) who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child; or

(3) whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the MCL.

Note * - "Supervised Probation" includes Veterans who have entered into the system with the Veterans Treatment Court. Applications from Veterans who are in the Veterans Treatment Court shall not be accepted under the NBL and NAP. The primary goal with the Veterans Treatment Court is for Veterans to get the help they need. Once the Veteran successfully fulfilled the requirements from the Veteran's Treatment Court, the Veteran's application may be accepted for membership in accordance with the National Bylaws (NBL) and Administrative Procedures (NAP) of the Marine Corps League. (REV 2025)

b. If after a member has been accepted, the fact that the member has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child is discovered, any member may file a disciplinary charge in accordance with NAP, Chapter Nine. The age/date of the conviction is irrelevant.

Section 525. Removal from Detachment Roll

a. Once accepted as a member in good standing by the detachment membership, that member may not be removed from the detachment roll except:

(1) By disciplinary action in accordance with NAP;

(2) By that member requesting transfer;

(3) By resignation in writing; or

(4) If member becomes delinquent as defined in the NAP.

(5) Upon the Death Notice being processed by National Office.

Section 530. Membership Listing. The membership listing of the MCL is proprietary information and under the direct control of the National Office of the MCL. Applicable portions of the membership listing shall be periodically provided to appropriate departments and detachments exclusively for internal usage in administrating membership of such departments and detachments. The membership listing will not be sold, leased, copied, loaned or assigned without the expressed permission in writing from the office of the NED/COO upon approval of the National BOT of the MCL.

Section 535. Members at Large. Any person desirous of joining the MCL as a regular member, may make application on a standard application form accompanied by the application fees as established by the delegates at National Convention, direct to the National Office or by presenting the application to a regular member of the MCL. See NAP, Chapter Seven, Section 7045 for details.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE VI
National Board of Trustees

Section 600. Composition. The National Board of Trustees shall be composed the following:

a. National Commandant,

b. National Senior Vice Commandant,

c. National Junior Vice Commandant,

d. National Judge Advocate,

e. National Vice Commandants of Divisions,

f. The Assistant Division Vice Commandants of the Division in the absence of their National Vice Commandant, and

g. Junior Past National Commandant.

Section 605. Powers. Between Conventions the powers and authority of the National Board of Trustees shall be:

a. To authorize the employment of personnel and approve their compensation within the budget allowances;

b. To employ the NED/COO and approve the contract with the National Auditor who are directly responsible to the National BOT;

c. To issue a charter to a department or detachment;

d. To suspend or revoke a charter granted to a department or detachment for any of the following:

(1) Failure to obtain and maintain its own EIN under the MCL's Group Exemption Code number "0955" in order to maintain its non-profit status under IRS Code 501(c)(4) within six months from the charter date.

(2) Failure to have an official "Articles of Incorporation" filed at the state level within one year from the charter date;

(3) Failure to submit its annual "Report of Officers Installation" form.

e. To promulgate a ritual for the proper conduct of official meetings and ceremonies and such other information as is deemed advisable for the establishment of uniform procedures throughout the organization;

f. To determine which national, department, and detachment officers shall be bonded and to fix the amount of such bond;

g. To establish, publish, and be responsible for an official League publication;

h. To exercise such powers and do such other actions as are compatible with the NBL and NAP which are in the best interest of the MCL;

i. To exercise executive power between National Conventions;

j. To approve or disapprove the minutes of the National Convention at the next regularly scheduled Mid-Winter staff meeting of the MCL following the Convention, only to the degree of correcting errors or omissions;

k. To approve all contracts, which shall then be signed by the National Commandant and the COO; and

l. To adopt administrative procedures to implement the NBL and to conduct the business of the League.

Section 610. National Elected Officers. The National Officers to be elected by each National Convention shall be: National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, National Judge Advocate, National Vice Commandants of Divisions, and Assistant Division Vice Commandants as herein provided.

Section 615. National Elected Officers Term of Office

a. The National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, and National Judge Advocate shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election for two consecutive additional one-year terms. (REV 2026)

b. National Vice Commandants of Divisions and National Assistant Division Vice Commandants shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and may stand for re-election for one (1) consecutive additional term.

Section 620. Vacancies

a. **National Elected Officers**

(1) **Order of Succession**. The order of succession to the office of the National Commandant shall be; first, National Senior Vice Commandant and second, National Junior Vice Commandant.

(2) **National Commandant.** Should the National Commandant's position become vacant, the National Senior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the National Junior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Commandant for the remainder of the term. The new Commandant will be

responsible for finding a replacement for their previous position with assistance and approval of the National Board of Trustees.

(3) **National Senior Vice Commandant.** Should the National Senior Vice Commandant position become vacant, the Junior Vice Commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new Senior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the Commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the National BOT.

(4) **National Junior Vice Commandant or National Judge Advocate.** Should the National Junior Vice Commandant or National Judge Advocate position become vacant, the National Commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the National BOT.

(5) **Any Other National Officer.** Should any other elected or appointed position become vacant, the National Commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the National BOT.

(6) **Causes for Vacancy.** In addition to death, resignation, or incapacity, a vacancy will occur through: (1) failure to attend two consecutive, officially-called meetings of the National BOT or (2) removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the National Administrative Procedures.

Section 625. Duties of National Board of Trustee Members. Each member of the National BOT shall acquire a working knowledge of the NBL and NAP of the MCL. The specific duties of the National BOT are:

a. **National Commandant** shall be the CEO of the MCL and shall preside at all sessions of the National Convention and all meetings of the National BOT. The National Commandant, together with the National BOT, shall have direction and control of the executive and administrative affairs of the MCL between National Conventions. In addition, the Commandant shall:

(1) Observe and enforce the observance of the Congressional Charter and the NBL and NAP;

(2) Direct to all officers and members orders not in conflict with the NBL and NAP;

(3) Call such meetings of the National BOT as are required by the NBL and NAP;

(4) Seek the advice of the National BOT and staff;

(5) With the NED/COO, have custody of all funds and property of the MCL, subject to the supervision of the National BOT;

(6) With the advice and majority vote of the National BOT, hire and appoint the national staff officers enumerated in Article Seven, Section 705;

(7) With the advice and consent of the National BOT, appoint necessary standing committees. However, the committee of "Marine of the Year" shall be constituted as is provided in the NAP;

(8) Approve or disapprove all requisitions of the COO which are in excess of five hundred ($500) dollars;

(9) Represent the MCL at all social functions and ceremonies in a manner that will enhance the dignity, honor, and prestige of the MCL; and

(10) Invite the speaker to National Convention banquet. The Commandant of the Marine Corps shall be the first choice to be invited. In the event the CMC cannot accept, the National Commandant will discuss with the National Director of Conventions alternate speakers. The final choice is the prerogative of the National Commandant.

b. **National Senior Vice Commandant** shall assist the National Commandant and during the absence or illness of the National Commandant perform the duties of that office. He shall preside over all Department Commandants' Council Conferences and with their assistance initiate and implement dynamic programs that will increase the effectiveness of the MCL. The National Senior Vice Commandant will be designated the MCL's "Corporate Secretary" and shall be directly responsible to the National BOT for that position.

c. **National Junior Vice Commandant** shall create and promulgate membership incentives and programs that will produce enthusiastic response resulting in continuous membership growth. In the absence of the National Commandant and the National Senior Vice Commandant, he shall perform the duties of the National Commandant. The National Junior Vice Commandant will be designated the MCL's "Corporate Treasurer."

d. **National Judge Advocate** shall interpret the NBL and NAP. He shall advise, construe, counsel and render opinions on questions of law and procedure to the National Convention, National Commandant, National BOT, National Staff, departments, and detachments when so required in the manner outlined hereafter. A copy of all rulings and opinions must be immediately submitted to the COO for quarterly distribution.

(1) **At the National Conventions**, upon the request of an approved delegate, through the Chair, the National Judge Advocate shall render an opinion on law and procedure to the Chair whereupon the Chair will rule upon the opinion and question, which ruling shall be final unless appealed by an

approved delegate, whereupon the National Judge Advocate will put the question "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" A standing vote of approved delegates will be called and two thirds (2/3) of the total vote will be required to reverse the ruling of the Chair.

(2) **At National Board of Trustees meetings,** the procedure in Section 625 d., (1) above shall apply and two thirds (2/3) of the National Board of Trustees present and voting will be required to reverse the ruling of the Chair.

(3) **Questions Through Channels.** On all questions of law and procedure pertaining to the MCL or any of its subsidiaries referred to this office through channels, the National Judge Advocate shall rule in writing, mailing copies of the ruling to the parties concerned and to the National Commandant. Such rulings shall be binding unless and until reversed by the National BOT or the National Convention.

(4) **More Than One Office.** The National Judge Advocate may not hold the office of Judge Advocate in either his department or detachment. If this be the case, then he shall resign from the lower office upon being sworn into the national office.

(5) **Review and approve** department bylaws and administrative procedures.

e. **National Vice Commandants of Divisions** shall:

(1) Be held accountable to the National BOT for the care and proper administration of their division;

(2) Arrange for, convene, and supervise not less than one (1) Division Conference each year for the purposes of

(a) discussing division problems and

(b) planning and executing means and methods of strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of the division;

(3) Arrange for detailed schools of instruction;

(4) Make every continuing effort to establish new detachments and departments within their division. The National Vice Commandants may institute a provisional department in any state having one or two legally established detachments and appoint a provisional department commandant and aides from within those detachment(s). The National Vice Commandant then has the task of organizing sufficient additional detachment(s) to create a permanent department within one (1) year from the date of creation of the provisional department;

(5) Appoint a Division Adjutant/Paymaster, a Division Sergeant at Arms, and a Division Chaplain, from within their respective departments. They may also appoint other positions as needed;

(6) All National Division and Assistant Vice Commandants handling division money shall be bonded. The National Division and Assistant Vice Commandants and the Division Adjutant/Paymaster or Division Paymaster, whichever is applicable, will be covered under a blanket bond paid for by National Office.

f. **The National Assistant Division Vice Commandant** will:

(1) Represent their division in the absence of the Division National Vice Commandant at meetings of the National BOT as a voting member;

(2) Be permitted to attend all National BOT meetings to include executive sessions as a non-board member unless representing their division in the absence of the Division National Vice Commandant;

(3) Perform additional duties as directed by the Division National Vice Commandant.

(4) All authorized expenses of the National Assistant Division Vice Commandant approved by the Division National Vice Commandant will be charged against the budgeted amount for that Division National Vice Commandant.

g. **Junior Past National Commandant** shall be a voting member of the National BOT. The Junior Past National Commandant shall preside at all Past National Commandant Council conferences.

Section 630. National Board of Trustees Meetings

a. **The National Board of Trustees shall meet:**

(1) Annually, immediately prior to each National Convention:

(a) to close out the executive administration of the National BOT from that fiscal year;

(b) to finalize preparation for the ensuing convention; and

(c) to identify pending and unaccomplished executive actions warranting further action by the convention or by the National BOT during the ensuing fiscal year;

(2) Annually, immediately after adjournment of each National Convention for the purpose of selecting appointed national officers and standing committees and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it;

(3) Annually, during the months of January, February, or March (to be known as the Mid-Winter National Staff Meeting) at a location chosen each year by the National BOT;

(4) At the call of the National Commandant for special emergency reasons, providing that a quorum of the National BOT is assured by polling by the Chief Operating Officer prior to the issuance of the call for a special meeting. These meetings are authorized by teleconferencing; or

(5) At the call of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the National BOT, provided at least one of those members shall include a non-National Vice Commandant, may call for a Special Meeting of the National BOT to discuss matters of emergency measures considered most important for the conduct of business of the National BOT between national conventions. The senior member of the National BOT asking for such a special meeting shall chair the special meeting. The Chair of the special called meeting will ensure that each member of the National BOT is notified of the date, time, and location of the special meeting. Such special called meeting will ensure that a quorum is in accordance with Section 635 of the NBL in order to conduct official business of the special called National BOT meeting.

b. **Conduct of Business.** The conduct of business at all National BOT meetings shall be governed by the NBL and NAP. The rules in the current edition of *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the National BOT meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the MCL's bylaws and administrative procedures and any special rules of order the League may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the NBL, then the NAP, then RRNR.

c. **Recording of Minutes.** All National BOT meetings must be properly recorded.

(1) The minutes at a minimum shall include but not limited to:

(a) Date, Time, & Location of the meeting.

(b) Purpose of the meeting.

(c) Members attending.

(d) Issues discussed.

(e) Action(s) taken.

(2) Minutes will be taken for all regularly scheduled and special meetings of the BOT. The minutes will be presented to the BOT within seven (7) days for review. The BOT should approve the minutes within seven (7) days upon receipt. After the minutes are approved, the Commandant or the presiding officer at the meeting will send the minutes to the NED/COO. Within two

additional weeks, the NED/COO will ensure the filing of "official documents."

(3) The minutes of the meetings, upon receipt by the COO, will be made available to the members on the MCL National Website in the "Member Library." The detachments shall ensure that these minutes are available to each member. The exceptions to these minutes are matters that the BOT deemed unfinished and/or those matters that were discussed in "executive session."

Section 635. Quorum. A majority of the National BOT shall constitute a quorum.

Section 640. Voting. Each National BOT member shall have one (1) vote. There shall be no proxy voting. The National Judge Advocate shall abstain from voting on all matters wherein he has rendered an official opinion.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE VII
National Staff Officers

Section 700. Composition of National Staff. The National Staff Officers shall be comprised of the National BOT, Assistant Division Vice Commandants, appointed National Staff Officers, committee chairmen, liaison officers, and Past National Commandants. The National Staff Roster will consist of the National Staff Officers, Past National Commandants, and the Department Commandants.

Section 705. National Staff Officers. National Staff Officers shall acquire a working knowledge of the NBL and NAP and shall act as assistants to the National BOT. They shall perform the duties delineated in the NAP.

a. **National Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer (NED/COO)** shall be employed by the National BOT and shall be responsible directly to that body. He shall be the NED/COO of the MCL with the responsibility for the management and direction of all programs, activities, and affairs of the MCL. He shall provide assistance to all committee and staff officers as requested. All matters which are under the jurisdiction of the National Judge Advocate (NJA) shall be referred to the NJA. They shall perform the duties delineated in the NAP (Section 3015).

b. **National Comptroller** shall be appointed and directly under the control of the National BOT and shall perform the duties delineated in the NAP (Section 3025).

c. **National Chaplain** shall perform the duties delineated in the NAP (Section 3035).

d. **National Director of Conventions** shall, as chairman of and with the National Convention Committee, perform the duties delineated in the NAP (Section 3040).

e. **National Chief of Staff** shall coordinate staff functions and planning for the National Commandant and other administrative tasks assigned by the National Commandant as delineated in the NAP (Section 3045).

f. **National Sergeant at Arms** shall preserve order at National Conventions and perform such other duties as required by the National Commandant. The National Sergeant at Arms is empowered to deputize Deputy Sergeants at Arms as necessary for the appropriate performance of his duties as delineated in the NAP (Section 3075). (Rev 2024)

Section 710. National Staff Powers. The power and authority of the National Staff shall be the same as that of the National BOT, except that Assistant Division Vice Commandants, appointed National Staff Officers, committee chairmen, liaison officers, Past National Commandants, and Department Commandants' Councils shall have no vote and shall not be considered in determining a quorum for the National BOT meetings.

Section 715. Contracting Authority. No national officer, employee, or committee chairman, or member of the MCL shall enter into or sign any contract or agreement for the purpose of binding the national organization of the MCL without first submitting such contract or agreement to the National Judge Advocate for his consideration. His recommendations shall be forwarded to the League's attorney and insurance carrier for their written recommendations. All documents and recommendations shall be forwarded to the entire National BOT. The National BOT thereafter, by a majority vote, may accept or reject, in whole or in part, the contract or agreement submitted to it. All contracts or agreements consummated in the name of the National Office of the Marine Corps League shall require the signature of the National Commandant and the COO.

Section 720. Vacancies. A vacancy in an appointed office, a committee chairman, or a committee member shall be filled as soon as practical by the National Commandant. All such appointments shall be approved by the National BOT at the next scheduled meeting.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE VIII
Departments

Section 800. Department Charter

a. **Three or More Detachments with Combined Membership of Sixty or More.** A State in which there are three or more detachments with a combined membership of sixty (60) or more members may be chartered as a department by the National BOT upon receiving of a written request from the detachments via the jurisdictional division national vice commandant.

b. **Less Than Sixty Combined Members.** A state in which there are three or more detachments with less than (60) or more members may be chartered as a department by the National BOT upon receipt of a written request from the jurisdictional division national vice commandant. The National Commandant shall endorse the request before final approval by the National BOT.

Section 805. Authority. Each department shall be governed by a department convention subordinate to the National Convention. Whatever power is invested in the National Organization shall, in corresponding circumstances, be vested in the department.

Section 810. Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. A department convention shall adopt department bylaws and may adopt administrative procedures which are consistent with the National Charter, the NBL, and NAP, provided they have been approved by the National Judge Advocate and are on file at the National Office.

Section 812. Department Subdivisions. Title Standardization (New 2026)

a. Departments may establish internal subdivisions to improve administration and support of Detachments. (New 2026)
b. To ensure clarity and uniformity throughout the Marine Corps League, such Department level subdivisions shall be titled “District(s)”. (New 2026)

Section 813 Department District Vice Commandants; Limitations (New 2026)

a. Departments that establish Districts may appoint or elect District Vice Commandants as provided by Department Bylaws, provided such officers remain subordinate to the Department chain of command. (New 2026)

b. Nothing in this Section precludes Departments from determining District boundaries, officer duties, or operating procedures consistent with these Bylaws and the National Administrative Procedures. (New 2026)

Section 815. Officers. Each department shall:

a. Elect a commandant, a senior vice commandant, a junior vice commandant, and a judge advocate; and

b. Elect or appoint an adjutant, paymaster (or adjutant/paymaster), chaplain, and sergeant at arms.

c. A department may have such additional elected and appointed officers as required by the department bylaws or in the absence of department bylaws as its department convention desires.

Section 820. Officers Term Limits and Eligibility

a. **Eligibility.** Elected officers shall be regular members of the department in which they are elected. At the will of the department, associate members may serve in appointed offices only.

b. **Term Limits.** Each elected officer shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for additional terms as provided in the department bylaws. Appointed officers shall serve a term that expires when the next election occurs and may be appointed to additional terms.

Section 825. Vacancies

a. **Department Elected Officers**

(1) **Order of Succession**. The order of succession to the office of the department commandant shall be; first, department senior vice commandant and second, department junior vice commandant.

(2) **Department Commandant.** Should the commandant's position become vacant, the senior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the junior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new commandant for the remainder of the term. If neither one is agreeable, the division vice commandant will be responsible for finding a replacement department commandant with assistance from the rest of the department staff. If either the senior vice commandant or junior vice commandant serve as the replacement commandant, they will be responsible for finding a replacement for their previous position with assistance and approval of the department board of trustees.

(3) **Department Senior Vice Commandant.** Should the senior vice commandant position become vacant, the junior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new senior vice commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the commandant will be responsible for finding and

appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the department board of trustees.

(4) **Department Junior Vice Commandant or Judge Advocate.** Should the junior vice commandant or judge advocate position become vacant, the commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the department board of trustees.

(5) **Any Other Department Officer.** Should any other elected or appointed position become vacant, the commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the department board of trustees.

(6) **Causes for Vacancy.** In addition to death, resignation, or incapacity;

(a) An elected officer vacancy should occur through failure to attend two consecutive officially-called meetings of the department board of trustees.

(b) An elected or appointed officer vacancy shall occur through removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the NAP,

(c) An elected or appointed officer vacancy shall occur when the offending officer is no longer in good standing. (Rev 2021)

(7) **Installation and Report of Installation Submission.** Upon appointing a member to any new position on the department staff, the commandant, or division national vice commandant in the case of a newly appointed commandant, will swear in the officer to the new position and submit the complete revised ROI form as specified in the NAP.

b. **Department Staff Officers.** A vacancy in an appointed office, a committee chairperson, or a committee member shall be filled as soon as practical by the department commandant. All such appointments shall be approved by the department board of trustees.

Section 830. Department Convention. Each department shall hold one convention each year between April 1 and prior to the National Convention but no later than June 30th. The department charter or a copy, the National Ensign, and the Bible shall be displayed at all business sessions of the convention. (Rev 2021)

Section 835. Quorum. The quorum for department conventions and for department staff meetings may be set by the department bylaws or, in the absence thereof, by the department convention.

Section 840. Department Board of Trustees. The elected officers of the department shall be the department board of trustees and a department convention is authorized to appoint the outgoing junior past department commandant or a past department commandant to serve a one-

year term as a member of the department board of trustees. No member of the department shall serve in more than one position on the department board of trustees.

Section 845. Freedom of Action. Unless expressly forbidden by the NBL or NAP, a department convention and a department staff meeting shall be free to take action and engage in activities that do not violate federal, state, county or municipal law or ordinances.

Section 850. Employment Identification Number [EIN] and Incorporation

a. **EIN.** Each department in addition to its incorporation, shall obtain and maintain its own EIN under IRS Code 501c(4), within sixty days from the charter date.

b. **Incorporation.** Departments which engage in services or business in their respective state or commonwealth either for profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the MCL will be incorporated within one year from the charter date unless their state or commonwealth requires incorporation to be completed within a shorter time period.

Section 855. Election of Officers. Each department shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and June 30th. The "Report of Officer Installation" form shall be completed and submitted to all applicable recipients within fourteen (14) days of installing of officer(s) and must be received by the National Office by July 31st of each year. Any time throughout the year and there was a change in any Officer's position, that new officer(s) must be sworn in accordance with Administrative Procedures and a new "Report of Officer Installation - Department" form must be submitted for only those impacted positions. (Rev 2023)

Section 860. Parliamentary Authority. Each Department shall use the current edition of *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised* which shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the NBL & NAP and any special rules of order National may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the NBL, then the NAP, then RRNR.

Section 865. Contracting Authority. No department officer, committee chairman, or other member of any department shall enter into or sign any contract or agreement for the purpose of binding the department without first submitting such contract or agreement to the department board of trustees. All documents shall be forwarded to the entire department board of trustees for approval, amendments, or rejections.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE IX
Detachments

Section 900. Detachment Charter. No detachment shall be named in honor of a living person. No detachment shall adopt the name previously adopted by another detachment unless the charter of the other detachment has been surrendered or revoked. If the detachment is being named in honor of a deceased Marine, a signed permission letter is required from the deceased Marine's most immediate family.

Section 905. Bylaws. Each detachment shall adopt bylaws and may adopt administrative procedures that are consistent with the department and NBL and NAP. The bylaws and administrative procedures shall be approved by the department judge advocate. In the absence of a jurisdictional department, the National Judge Advocate shall be the approving authority.

Section 910. Members. Each detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets the requirements of Article V, Section 515 and Section 520.

Section 915. Ineligible Members

a. If there is reason to believe a member of the MCL does not meet the qualifications to be a member, this (these) reason(s) must be submitted in writing to the detachment commandant, who will appoint the detachment judge advocate who will investigate the charge as presented. Unless,

   (1) The person to be investigated is the detachment commandant, the request will be given to the detachment senior vice commandant for action, or

   (2) The person to be investigated is the detachment judge advocate, the detachment commandant will appoint a past detachment commandant to hold the investigation.

b. If the investigation determines that the member does not have the necessary qualifications to be a member, the officer who is investigating will present a written report of the investigation, with a draft of a disciplinary charge to the members of the detachment board of trustees. The board of trustees shall file a charge with the department judge advocate in accordance with NAP, Chapter Nine.

Section 920. Detachment Officers. Each detachment shall:

a. Elect a commandant, a senior vice commandant, a junior vice commandant, and a judge advocate each year; and

b. Elect or appoint an adjutant, paymaster (or adjutant/paymaster), chaplain, and sergeant-at-arms.

c. A detachment may have such additional elected and appointed officers as required by the detachment bylaws.

d. All elected officers shall be regular members of the detachment in which they are elected.

e. At the will of the detachment, associate members may serve in appointed offices only.

f. **Term Limits.** Each elected officer shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for additional terms as provided in the detachment bylaws. Appointed officers shall serve a term that expires when the installation after the annual election occurs and may be appointed to additional terms.

Section 925. Vacancies

a. **Detachment Elected Officers**

(1) **Order of Succession**. The order of succession to the office of the detachment commandant shall be; first, detachment senior vice commandant and second, detachment junior vice commandant.

(2) **Detachment Commandant.** Should the commandant's position become vacant, the senior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the junior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new commandant for the remainder of the term. If neither one is agreeable, the department commandant will be responsible for finding a replacement detachment commandant with assistance from the rest of the detachment staff. If either the senior vice commandant or junior vice commandant serve as the replacement commandant, they will be responsible for finding a replacement for their previous position with assistance and approval of the detachment board of trustees.

(3) **Detachment Senior Vice Commandant.** Should the senior vice commandant position become vacant, the junior vice commandant, if agreeable, will serve as the new senior vice commandant for the remainder of the term. If not agreeable, the commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the detachment board of trustees.

(4) **Detachment Junior Vice Commandant or Judge Advocate.** Should the junior vice commandant or judge advocate position become vacant, the commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the detachment board of trustees.

(5) **Any Other Detachment Officer.** Should any other elected or appointed position become vacant, the commandant will be responsible for finding and appointing a replacement for the vacancy, with assistance and approval of the detachment board of trustees.

(6) **Causes for Vacancy.** In addition to death, resignation, or incapacity;

(a) An elected officer vacancy should occur through the failure to attend two consecutive, officially-called meetings of the detachment board of trustees.

(b) An elected or appointed officer vacancy shall occur through removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the NAP.

(c) An elected or appointed officer vacancy shall occur when the offending officer is no longer a member in good standing. (Rev 2021)

(7) **Installation and Report of Installation Submission.** Upon appointing a member to any new position on the detachment staff, the department commandant, detachment commandant, or any past commandant, in the case of a newly appointed commandant, will swear in the officer to the new position and submit the revised ROI form as specified in the NAP.

b. **Detachment Staff Officers.** A vacancy in an appointed office, a committee chairman, or a committee member shall be filled as soon as practical by the detachment commandant. All such appointments shall be approved by the detachment board of trustees.

Section 930. Meetings. A detachment shall meet at a date, time, and frequency of its choosing. Once a month and in person is recommended. The detachment charter or a copy, the National Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business meetings, and the Ritual of the Marine Corps League shall be observed at all meetings and appropriate functions to the maximum extent possible. (Rev 2026)

Virtual Meetings Authorization.
Virtual meetings (fully remote) and hybrid meetings (combination of in-person and remote participants) are authorized, where permitted by the laws of the state in which the detachment is organized, and when conducted in accordance with the National Administrative Procedures 6055. In hybrid meetings, the primary physical meeting room shall display the Detachment Charter or a copy, National Colors, and a Bible, and the Ritual shall be observed to the maximum extent possible; in fully virtual meetings, such display and Ritual shall be conducted in a designated respectful location, consistent with the National Administrative Procedures. (New 2026)

a. Capturing of Minutes – All meetings where detachment business is conducted, regular membership, Board of Trustees, and Detachment Staff, where a quorum is required and met shall be properly recorded: (Rev 2024)

(1) The minutes at a minimum shall include but not limited to: (Rev 2024)

(a) Date, Time, & Location of the meeting (Rev 2024)

(b) Purpose of the meeting. (Rev 2024)

(c) Members attending. (Rev 2024)

(d) Issues discussed. (Rev 2024)

(e) Action(s) taken; especially so, if motions for financial authorizations are made and approved. (Rev 2024)

(2) The minutes of the detachment meetings serve as backup when the detachment financial audit occurs showing all detachment member authorizations of expenditures. (Rev 2024)

b. Paymaster Report – The detachment paymaster should provide a report to the membership of all financial transactions occurring since the last detachment meeting, to include reporting of transmittal of dues, monies received from fund raising, as well as expenditures and their authorization (the current detachment budget or approval at detachment meetings supported in the respective minutes). Lastly, a motion to accept the Paymaster report, subject to audit is made, seconded and when approved, is documented in the minutes. (Rev 2024)

Section 935. Detachment Board of Trustees. The elected officers of a detachment shall be its board of trustees. However, a detachment is authorized to appoint the outgoing junior past commandant or a past detachment commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the detachment board of trustees. No member of the detachment shall serve in more than one (1) position on the detachment board of trustees. (Rev 2021)

Section 940. Election of Officers

a. Each detachment shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and May 15. Installation must be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election. The "Report of Installation - Detachment" form shall be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the installation to ensure that it is received at the National Office by June 30th of each year to establish credentials for the National Convention. A detachment is NOT in good standing if this report is not received. (Rev 2023)

b. Any time throughout the year, where a change in any officer(s) position, that new officer(s) must be sworn in accordance with NAP and a new ROI form must be submitted for those positions that changed.

Section 945. Suspension and Revocation of Charter

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

(1) The persistent failure to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) regular members in good standing;

(2) The persistent failure to forward promptly funds due to the national body;

(3) Acts and conduct bringing the MCL into public disrespect;

(4) Willful violation of NBL and NAP;

(5) Violation of federal, state, or municipal laws or ordinances; or

(a) Failure to obtain an EIN from the IRS within six (6) months of chartering and maintain an active status under IRS Code 501(c)(4).

(b) Failure to incorporate within one (1) year of chartering.

(6) Other activities detrimental to the good name of the MCL.

b. **Authority**

(1) The suspension or revocation of charters may be directed by a department board of trustees and/or the National BOT.

(2) A charter being "suspended" should be for a specific amount of time issued by the department or National Board of Trustees. Upon satisfying the suspending entity that the reason for the suspension has been corrected, that department or National Board of Trustees can remove the suspension. The detachment is then in "good standing."

(3) A charter that has been revoked can only be re-chartered by the National BOT.

(4) In the case of Section 945 a., (1) through (6), shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the NBL and NAP.

Section 950. Voluntary Surrender of Charter. The charter of a detachment may be voluntarily surrendered for such reasons as may be determined by the detachment. Upon a determination that it is no longer practical to maintain the detachment, the detachment board of trustees shall immediately notify its jurisdictional department, or if a jurisdictional department is nonexistent, the Division National Vice Commandant in writing of its intent to dissolve and surrender its charter. The NAP will govern the process.

Section 955. Employment Identification Number [EIN] and Incorporation

a. **EIN.** Each detachment in addition to its incorporation, shall obtain and maintain its own EIN under IRS Code 501(c)(4), within sixty days from the charter date.

b. **Incorporation.** Detachments which engage in services or business in their respective state or commonwealth either for profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the MCL will be incorporated within one year from the charter date unless their state or commonwealth requires incorporation to be completed within a shorter time period.

Section 960. Parliamentary Authority. Each detachment shall use the current edition of *Roberts Rule of Order Newly Revised* which shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the NBL and NAP, department bylaws, and

any special rules of order National may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the NBL, then the NAP, then RRNR.

Section 965. Contracting Authority. No detachment officer, committee chairperson, or other member of any detachment shall enter into or sign any contract or agreement for the purpose of binding the detachment without first submitting such contract or agreement to the detachment board of trustees. All documents shall be forwarded to the entire detachment board of trustees for approval, amendments, or rejections.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE X
Subsidiary Organizations

Section 1000. Authority

a. All subsidiary organizations which function and operate directly or indirectly under the Congressional Charter and name of the MCL are subject to the authority, supervision, direction, control, and discipline of the MCL.

b. Such organizations and groups will:

(1) Adopt bylaws compatible and consistent with the bylaws and administrative procedures of the MCL.

(2) Incorporating.

(a) If said incorporation identifies themselves by name with the Marine Corps League and acknowledges their accountability to the Marine Corps League, they shall incorporate if not already done so, or

(b) If such organizations and groups do not identify themselves by name with the Marine Corps League and acknowledge their accountability to the Marine Corps League, said corporation shall immediately amend their incorporation and submit the proposed amended incorporation to the National Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps League for review, consideration, and approval.

(c) If a subsidiary or subordinate organization should have any complaints, grievances and/or charges against a Marine Corps League member, detachment, or department, they must follow their appropriate chain of command that will refer it to the Marine Corps League for adjudication. It must be referred in writing via certified mail to the National Judge Advocate for appropriate action.

Section 1005. Employment Identification Number [EIN] and Incorporation

a. **EIN.** Each subsidiary organization group in addition to its incorporation, shall obtain and maintain its own EIN under the MCL's Group Exemption Code "0955" under IRS Code 501c(4), within six months from the charter date. Subsidiary organizations in Parent Group 955 must comply with IRS 501c(19) regulations pertaining to composition of membership to maintain their federal tax exempt status and tax deductibility status. The exception is that the Marine Corps League Foundation and Military Order of the Devil Dogs Foundation must maintain their EIN as a 501c(3). If for any reason any subsidiary does not maintain good standing with the Fed IRS as determined by the Fed IRS Database, (EOBMF) and receives a letter of Revocation, that subsidiary shall cease to be in Good Standing effective as of that date on the

letter or the Fed IRS Database (EOBMF). All operations as a non-profit shall cease and the subsidiary shall not receive any compensation, or voting privileges at National Conferences and Conventions until such time their status is returned to normal status. (Rev 2025)

b. **Incorporation.** Any of the foregoing which engage in services or business in their respective state or commonwealth either for profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the MCL, will be incorporated within one year from the charter date unless their state or commonwealth requires incorporation to be completed within a shorter time period. If for any reason any subsidiary does not maintain good standing with the State or Commonwealth incorporation as determined by the Secretary of State Database and receives a letter of Revocation, that subsidiary shall cease to be in good standing effective as of the date on the letter or the State or Commonwealth. All operations as a non-profit shall cease and the subsidiary shall not receive any compensation, or voting privileges at National Conferences and Conventions until such time their status is returned to normal status. (Rev 2021)

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE XI
National Bylaws Amendments

Section 1100. National Bylaws Amendments. The National Bylaws may be revised, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved delegates voting at a National Convention. The proposed revision, amendment, or repeal shall be submitted following the procedures in the Administrative Procedures, **Chapter Ten, Section 10020, Amendments.** (Rev 2021)

Section 1105. Effective Date. Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the National Bylaws and the Administrative Procedures which is approved at a National Convention and does not provide for an effective date, will become effective upon the close of the convention at which it is approved.

Section 1110. National Bylaws Distribution

a. The current edition of the National Bylaws of the Marine Corps League along with any published changes shall be posted on the National website for the access and review by all members of the MCL, the National BOT, National Office, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel. Changes approved at the National Convention each year shall be posted to the website once completed and notice of said posting shall be provided in the issue of "Semper Fi" in the next issue subsequent to the posting on the National website. Such notice shall include instructions on how to access and review the approved changes on the National website. A hard copy of the approved changes may be purchased (printing and mailing cost) by any existing detachment, department, Past National Commandant, member of the National BOT, National Office Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel upon submission of a written request to the NED/COO. Submission instructions, including any applicable deadlines on how to receive a hard copy of the approved changes via U. S. Mail from the NED/COO shall be included in the notification which is placed in "Semper Fi".

b. Any member of the Marine Corps League may purchase copies of the NBL from the NED/COO.

Section 1115. Clerical Errors.

a. The National Administrative Review Committee and the NED/COO shall have the authority to identify, and with the advice and consent of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Committee, correct clerical errors in the NBL and the NAP where the error is clearly evident, and the correction shall make no material change to the intent, form, or function of the bylaw(s) or the administrative procedure(s) in question.

b. Any League member who makes notice of a clerical error that meets the criteria detailed in Section 1115.,a., shall email their respective department judge advocate

the clerical error. The department judge advocate shall confirm the error and ensue the correction is valid before forwarding the recommended change to the NED/COO or reply to the sender with a reason for not forwarding the recommendation. (Rev 2022)

c. Clerical error changes to these Bylaws meeting the criteria identified by Section 1115., a., and 1115., b., are to follow the guidelines of the MCL Style Guide and Glossary contained in the NAP Enclosure (9).

Section 1120. National Administrative Procedures

a. Changes to the NAP will be approved by the membership by majority vote at a National Convention. Recommendations for changes to the NAP will be covered in that document.

b. Changes to the NAP may also be approved by the National Board of Trustees by majority vote when it is necessary for the operational needs of the Marine Corps League. These changes to the NAP will be sent immediately to all Divisions National Vice Commandants with directions to be passed to all departments and detachments. Amendments can be proposed to the changes made by the National BOT to the NAP and they must be submitted to the NED/COO no later than 1 August each year.

NATIONAL BYLAWS
ARTICLE XII
Dissolution

Section 1200. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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