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Certification

Detachment Judge Advocate

I, Joseph G. Wauldron, Judge Advocate of the Macomb County Detachment – 154, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the changes to the Bylaws contained hereafter that were approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the Detachment General Membership Meeting held on 3 January 2008 in Utica, Michigan have been incorporated in this reprint. This reprint of the Bylaws of the Macomb County Detachment, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League supercedes all previous editions.

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I, Norman F. Pfaff, Commandant of the Macomb County Detachment – 154, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bylaws were approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at the Macomb County Detachment, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League General Membership Meetings on 6 December 2007 and 3 January 2008 in Utica, Michigan.

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PREAMBLE

In the name of the beneficent God of all, we who have honorably served, or are now honorably serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, for the common good of this Nation and people of our world, and in order that the fundamental rights and freedom of every person may be preserved, to foster interest in the affairs of the United States Marine Corps, to protect and advance the welfare of wounded and disabled Marines and their dependents, and for the further purposes set forth hereinafter, do solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in a non-profit corporation know as the Marine Corps League and order and establish these Bylaws.

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ARTICLE ONE
NAME AND SEAL

SECTION 1 – Name The name of this organization shall be “Macomb County Detachment, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League”.

SECTION 2 – Corporation Seal The Corporation Seal shall be round in shape, containing the center thereof, a replica of the emblem of the United States Marine Corps, surrounded by the words “Macomb County Detachment, Marine Corps League. **The Corporation Seal shall remain in the custody of the Detachment Adjutant at all times.**

SECTION 3 **The Corporation Seal shall remain in the custody of the Detachment Adjutant at all times.**

ARTICLE TWO
PURPOSES

SECTION 1 – Purpose The purpose of this Detachment shall be:

1. To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.
2. To band together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been Honorably Discharged from the United States Marine Corps in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American Freedom and Democracy.
3. To fit it's members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served this Nation as Marines.
4. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
5. To hold sacred the history and memory of those Marines who have given their lives for our Nation.
6. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.
7. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their widows and orphans.
8. 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.

ARTICLE THREE
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 – Authorized Membership Only persons who are now serving or have served Honorably in the United States Marine Corps for not less than ninety (90) days, and persons who are now serving or have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserved and have earned not less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit points shall be eligible for membership in the Macomb County Detachment, Marine Corps League. Should a member who is serving in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve be discharged other than Honorably there from, their membership in the Marine Corps League shall cease immediately.

SECTION 2 – Applications The Detachment may accept or reject any application for membership at its discretion. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the amount of dues as set forth by the Detachment and proof of service as defined in ARTICLE THREE, SECTION 9 8. The voting shall be by open vote by the membership and if there are three (3) or more negative votes, the meeting shall be recessed and the Executive Board shall ask any members who have reason to deny the application to appear before it and to state the reasons in private. The decision of accepting or rejecting the application shall be final by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3 – Application Approval An applicant for membership shall not be nominated for membership until his credentials have been inspected **and approved** by **either his sponsor, the Department Detachment Commandant or Adjutant or the Past Detachment Commandant.** All National, Department and Detachment dues must be paid prior to nomination.

SECTION 4 Should an applicant for membership be accepted and the newly accepted member be unable to attend a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant shall make arrangements with the newly accepted member and his sponsor, to administer the oath of membership at a time and place that is convenient to all parties concerned.

SECTION 5 4 – Payment of Dues All members of the Detachment shall renew their dues annually on the Anniversary Date of their membership.

SECTION 6 5– Honorary Membership A person who has preformed outstanding service to the Detachment and who would not otherwise be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League, may be voted “Honorary Member” of the Detachment.

1. Such service must be documented and the service must be over a long period of time and not a one of one act.
2. Balloting on “Honorary Member” shall be in the same manner as that for regular membership.
3. **A person so nominated and accepted shall be presented with a special membership card from the Detachment stating “Honorary Member – Macomb County Detachment, Marine Corps League”.**
4. Such membership to be for a period of one (1) year after which time, the “Honorary Membership” shall be voted upon again.
5. Should such an “Honorary Member” commit any act that would bring discredit, disgrace or dishonor upon the Detachment or the Marine Corps League, the Honorary Membership shall be revoked at once and that person shall never again be accepted for “Honorary Membership”.
6. “Honorary Members” may attend any Detachment meeting or activity they so desire, but shall not have a vote, nor shall be allowed to make or second any motion. A voice on the floor shall be at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant.

SECTION 7 6 – Detachment Dues

Membership Dues shall be as follows:

1. Initial and combined dues for the first year shall be **thirty-one (\$32.00)** dollars. This sum shall be submitted along with the Application for Membership.
2. Members of the United States Marine Corps on active duty shall pay the sum of **eighteen (\$18.00)** dollars for the initial year and **eighteen (\$18.00)** dollars each succeeding year while on Active Duty. For the purpose of clarification, Marines serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve are not considered Active Duty.
3. As soon as a new member has been sworn in, they shall be presented with a Lapel Button and a copy of the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws. Their National and Department Dues shall be forwarded through channels and their membership card shall be mailed to them from the National Headquarters.
4. Annual renewal dues of **thirty-one (\$32.00)** dollars shall be paid on the Anniversary Date of their membership.

SECTION 8 7 – Reapplying for Membership Any member who allows their membership to become delinquent for a twelve (12) month period shall be required to re-apply for membership as a new member and pay the initial dues but shall not be presented a lapel button, but shall be given a copy of the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 9 8 – Proof of Service Members are obligated to provide proof of Honorable Service or proof of active duty in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the Detachment Adjutant as follows:

1. A copy of their Honorable Discharge or General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions or
2. A copy of their DD214. **Members on Active Duty must exhibit proof of Active Duty. or:**

3. A copy of their Active Duty Identification Card or Reserve Identification Card.

SECTION 10 The Detachment may, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, propose for Life Membership, a member of the Detachment who has performed long and outstanding service to the Detachment. The cost of such Life Membership shall be borne by the Detachment.

1. A member so recommended, must have no less than ten (10) years continuous membership in the Detachment and must have held an elected office for no less than five (5) of the ten (10) years.
2. Other members of the Detachment, who so desire, may purchase Life Membership in accordance with Section 645 of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE FOUR **AWARDS**

SECTION 1 – Marine of the Year This Detachment shall have an annual “Marine of the Year” award. The award is to be presented to a member in **good standing** of the Detachment who has performed the most valuable services to the Detachment during the past year.

1. The period of service shall be from the Detachment Installation of Officers to the Installation of Officers Meeting the following year.
2. The last four (4) recipients of this award shall select the Marine of the Year. **They shall be guided by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in their selection.**
3. The Marine of the Year selected shall receive **an engraved plaque along with the Marine Corps League’s Detachment Marine of the Year Ribbon along with the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion. There will be no Bronze/Silver/Gold device for an additional award. A member presented this award more than once, shall be issued only one (1) medal.**
4. No member, once being selected and receiving the Marine of the Year award from this Detachment, shall be eligible to receive the award again for a period of four (4) years.

SECTION 2 That this Detachment, in accordance with the wishes of the late Captain James J. Strothers, USMC, shall annually award to the member of the Detachment, who has performed the most valuable service to the Detachment’s Young Marine Unit, Macomb County Unit, Young Marines.

1. The award, to be known as the James J. Strothers Memorial Award will be funded from interest earned from the James J. Strothers Memorial Fund of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) as bequeathed by the late Captain James J. Strothers.
2. The period of service for this award shall be from 1 November to 31 October.
3. The recipient of this award shall receive an engraved plaque.
4. No person receiving this award shall be eligible to succeed themselves in receiving this award.
5. The Selection Committee for the James J. Strother’s Memorial Award shall be comprised of the most recent recipient of the award, who shall be the Committee Chairman, and the Young Marine Staff (youth members) of the Macomb County Unit, Young Marines who shall select the member of the Detachment most deserving of the award and forward the name of that member to the Detachment. The award shall be presented by the Detachment Commandant and the Senior Young Marine of the Unit.
6. Should this Detachment disband, dissolve or for any reason cease to exist, this Memorial Fund shall become the property of the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League to be used for the same purposes and by the same stipulations.

SECTION 3 2 – Year of Service Lapel Pin The year of Service Lapel Pin as authorized by National Headquarters, shall be presented to all members of the Detachment who have met the requirement of five (5) years continuous membership in the Marine Corps League. **After members have been notified that their Lapel Pin is available for them by the Adjutant, they shall have a period of one year in**

which to pick up the Lapel Pin in person or it will be returned to inventory. These Service Lapel Pins will be mailed only to members living outside the tri-county area.

1. The cost of the Lapel Pin shall be borne by the Detachment.
2. This award will be awarded for each five (5) year period.
3. All other medals, lapel pins or awards presented and any replacement medals shall be at the cost of the member.

SECTION 4 – 3 Commandant Medal The Detachment Commandant Medal – Bronze, as authorized by the National Headquarters shall be awarded to all members of the detachment, who have been elected or appointed as Detachment Commandant. The cost of the medal shall be borne by the Detachment.

1. A member serving more than one (1) term as Detachment Commandant, whether consecutively or not, shall be issued only one (1) medal
2. Any member who is authorized to wear this medal, may purchase a replacement medal through the Detachment at their own cost.

ARTICLE FIVE **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

SECTION 1 – Authority The administration and the conduct of business and the exercise of power and authority of this Detachment shall be vested in the Executive Board.

SECTION 2 – Membership The Executive Board shall consist of the Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain and the Sergeant-at-Arms. Past Detachment Commandants who do not hold any of the aforementioned offices, may attend Executive Board Meetings but will have no vote.

SECTION 3 – Quorum Five (5) members of the Executive Board shall form a quorum for the purpose of conducting business, but all members of the Executive Board must be notified of any meeting.

SECTION 4 – Power to Function The Executive Board shall have the power to function and make decisions between regular meetings of the Detachment.

SECTION 5 – Reporting A record of every Executive Board Meeting and the decisions made must be reported at then next regular meeting of the Detachment and the written report filed as part of the Detachment's records.

ARTICLE SIX **DETACHMENT TRUSTEES**

SECTION 1 – Membership The elected officers as defined in Article Five, Section 2 shall be it's Board of Trustees. They shall audit the books of all funds quarterly, and shall act as advisors to the Commandant and they shall make such recommendations for the good of the Detachment, as they may deem advisable.

ARTICLE SEVEN **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

SECTION 1 – Day of Meetings Regular business meetings shall be held by the detachment on the first Thursday of each month at the designated place of assembly. The members at the prior meeting may suspend, delay or cancel a meeting by vote for just cause. A quorum of five (5) members in good standing is required to conduct a business meeting.

1. All meetings of the Detachment shall be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **The Detachment Charter or copy, the National colors and a Bible will be displayed at all business meetings.**

SECTION 2 – Regular Meetings The Adjutant shall furnish a monthly notice of all events including meetings and any special meetings. All members in good standing shall receive such notices.

SECTION 3 – Special Meetings The Commandant shall have the power to call special meetings when necessary. A written request from (3) or more members in good standing shall be required to call any other special meetings. The Commandant shall call such special meetings within five (5) days unless a regular meeting comes before such a date.

SECTION 4 – Rules of Order Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall govern all meetings except where National, Department or Detachment Bylaws provide otherwise. Strict Parliamentary Procedure shall prevail at all meetings.

SECTION 5 – Addressing the Commandant The Commandant shall be addressed as Sir Commandant or Madam Commandant and all other members shall have the prefix Marine attached to their names.

SECTION 6 – Addressing the Chair A member wishing to address the Chair or make a motion shall stand and state: “Sir or Madam Commandant, Marine (giving their last name)”. When recognized by the chair, that Marine will continue.

SECTION 7 – Decorum **The bar shall be closed before any meeting starts and shall remain closed during the meeting.** No alcoholic beverages or smoking will be allowed on the floor during the **General Membership Meeting**.

SECTION 8 – Marine Corps League Covers Members are urged to wear the authorized Marine Corps League **Uniform Covers** to all meetings.

1. In compliance with National Uniform Regulations, only the United States Marine Corps Emblem and for those authorized, the Devil Dog Patch, may be worn on the Marine Corps League Cover.
2. Only members holding office shall wear office titles on their covers. At the end of their tour of duty, officers shall remove the office title from their covers. Past Commandant may wear the title Past Commandant with year mark.

SECTION 9 – Authorized Attendance Only members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to attend meetings. Members shall not bring those nominated for Honorary Membership to meetings until they have been accepted. No guests, other than those eligible for membership shall be invited to any meeting without the prior approval of the Commandant.

ARTICLE EIGHT **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 – Timing of Nominations & Elections This Detachment shall hold its election of officers in the month of **October** with the installation to be not later than 30 November of each calendar year.

SECTION 2 – Sequence of Nomination The following officers shall be nominated in the following sequence: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms. Nominations shall be held at the **September** and **October** General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3 – Nominations Nominations shall be by voice from the floor, no second is required. No member may nominate more than one (1) member for one (1) office, but any member may nominate a member for each office. A member to be elected must be present in person at the **October** General Membership Meeting unless they have sent a written agreement to the Commandant or Adjutant to the

nomination and an acceptable explanation for their absence **prior to the October General Membership Meeting. The Commandant shall be the judge if the absence is acceptable.**

SECTION 4 – Ballots for Elections Elections shall be by secret ballot with two (2) tellers to be appointed by the Commandant. **Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a fifty (50%) percent plus one vote by the membership voting shall carry and measure and decide any issue. The Commandant shall act as a tiebreaker.**

SECTION 5 – Sequence of Voting With the offices and sequence of order being set in Section 2 of this Article, each office will be individually voted on in the following manner:

1. Prior to voting, the Adjutant shall call three times for final nominations of that office.
2. The Adjutant will then inquire of the nominees in reverse order of nomination, “if elected will you accept this office?”
3. When more than one nominee accepts his or her nomination, voting as prescribed in Section 4 of this Article will determine who will hold that office for the pursuing year.
4. When an office has only one candidate who will accept responsibility of that office, the Adjutant shall be authorized to cast one unanimous ballot for that candidate.

SECTION 6 – Incumbent Commandant If nominated or unopposed, the incumbent Commandant may be re-elected to consecutive terms. That Marine shall remain eligible for re-election to Commandant so long as the memberships vote approves.

SECTION 7 – Delegates to Conventions Delegates to conventions shall be nominated at a regular business meeting just prior to the event. The commandant or senior officer attending shall be the chairman. Number of delegates eligible to attend shall be announced by the Department of Michigan.

SECTION 8 – Payment of Registration Fees The Detachment shall pay the registration fees of all delegates at any Department or National Meeting, **and when finances permit, the Detachment may pay all or part of the other expenses incurred by the delegates.** The Detachment will also pay for the registration fee for any member that attends the Department Meetings, including the Mid-Winter Rally. That Marine must attend the business meeting to receive reimbursement.

ARTICLE NINE **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1 – Commandant It shall be the duty of the Commandant to preside at all meetings, to call special meetings, to appoint Committee Chairman, to supervise, direct and control all activities of the Detachment in such a manner that will bring credit upon the Marine Corps League. **This is an elected position.**

1. The Commandant may appoint the following officers prior to the Detachment Installation: Service Officer, Liaison, Historian, Quartermaster, Deputy Quartermaster and any other office the Commandant may deem necessary for the proper function of the Detachment.

SECTION 2 – Senior Vice Commandant It shall be the duty of the Senior Vice Commandant to preside at meetings in the absence of the Commandant. When the Commandant desires to make an announcement from the floor, he will relinquish the chair to the Senior Vice Commandant, who shall preside during such period. When the Senior Vice Commandant is presiding, he shall have all the power and authority of the Commandant. The Senior Vice Commandant shall be **responsible for the Chairman of the Membership Committee** of the Detachment and shall have the power to call upon any Detachment member to assist him in his recruiting work. **This is an elected position.**

SECTION 3 – Junior Vice Commandant It shall be the duty of the Junior Vice Commandant to preside in the absence of the Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant, and while so presiding, shall have the power and authority of the Commandant. The Junior Vice Commandant **is responsible for social events is the Chairman of the Social Committee** and shall operate all such affairs that are not under the control of special committees. **This is an elected position.**

SECTION 4 – Judge Advocate It shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate to perform such legal duties as are assigned to the by the Commandant. The Judge Advocate shall rule on any disputed point of order. The Judge Advocate must be conversant with National, Department and Detachment Constitution and Bylaws. Rulings by the Judge Advocate are binding, but may be appealed.

SECTION 5 – Adjutant It shall be the duty of the Adjutant to keep proper minutes of all meetings of the Detachment. The Adjutant shall be custodian of all records of the Detachment other than Special Committees, **financial records and the Young Marines. This is an elected position.**

SECTION 6 – Paymaster It shall be the duty of the Paymaster to keep all monies accounted for, including special funds for this Detachment. It shall also be the responsibility of the Paymaster to update and/or correct member's information with National Headquarters and the Department of Michigan. **This is an elected position.**

1. The Adjutant and Paymaster positions shall be held by a single individual to provide continuity and expedite the Detachments daily business activities. The Adjutant/Paymaster shall function in all capacities as listed under Adjutant and Paymaster.

SECTION 7 – Sergeant-at-Arms It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to assist the Commandant in preserving order at all Detachment meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms **shall act as Chairman of the House Committee and see will ensure** that all is in readiness for all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall check the members present for eligibility and ensure that only those present are entitled to be admitted. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to start all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms will act as escort to all visitors and perform such other duties as the Commandant may assign. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be in charge of all Detachment property not in the hands of the Adjutant, **Paymaster or Quartermaster. This is an elected position.**

SECTION 8 – Chaplain It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct prayers at all meetings. When the Marine Corps League Memorial Services are held, the Chaplain shall assist the Commandant. The Chaplain and a volunteer member shall make a personal visit to all members of the Detachment who are having an extended stay in the hospital or are in ill health for an extended period of time and are home. **The Chaplain will, upon the death of a member, fill out and forward the Marine Corps League Notice of Death to the Department Chaplain. This is an elected position.**

SECTION 9 – Committees Chairman of Committees shall be appointed by the Commandant. All committee reports shall be made on the floor by the Chairman. The Chairman shall recommend to the Commandant the names of members desired for membership in that committee. At the discretion of the Commandant, appointments may be made for additional members. Any monies will be turned over to the Paymaster who will keep a record of transactions in a separate fund. Committee Chairman shall hand over to their appointed successors all property in their possession. **This is an appointed position.**

SECTION 10 – Quartermaster It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster to maintain a stock of Detachment Covers for sale to members. Marine Corps Emblems and Marine Corps League Insignia also will be kept in stock by the Quartermaster for members. **This is an appointed position.**

2. The Quartermaster and the Commandant shall appoint a Deputy Quartermaster. The Deputy Quartermaster shall function when the Quartermaster is absent.

SECTION 11 – Service Officer The Detachment Service Officer will assist veterans, their survivors and the Marine Corps League Department Service Office with the filing and development of claim for veterans benefits. These claims will be transmitted to the Marine Corps League Department Service Officer; at no time will the Detachment Service Officer submit any claim or evidence directly to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Detachment Service Officer will follow guidelines set by the Department Service Office. **This is an appointed position.**

SECTION 12 – Historian It shall be the duty of the Historian to acquire and display at business meetings, artifacts, memorabilia, pictures, etc., depicting the history of the Detachment. **This is an appointed position.**

SECTION 13 14 – Officer Replacement Any officer of this Detachment who has missed attending two (2) or more consecutive meetings without an acceptable reason to the **Executive Board Commandant or Adjutant** shall be deemed to have shown a lack of proper interest in the welfare of the Detachment and in that office. The Commandant shall then notify such officer **by Certified Mail or notified in person** that at the next meeting of the Detachment, that office shall be declared vacant and **that nominations shall be called for to fill such office. The nominees shall be voted on and the newly elected officer shall be installed by the Commandant at this same meeting. a new member will be appointed by the Commandant to fulfill the remaining term of Office.**

SECTION 14 It shall be the duty of the Detachment Liaison as an appointed office to represent the Macomb County Detachment, Marine Corps League at various veteran group meetings as designated by the Commandant.

SECTION 15 13 – Officer Responsibility Each elected and appointed officer has a duty to attend all General Membership Meetings. If for reasons beyond the control of an elected or appointed officer, that officer cannot attend a General Membership Meeting, that officer must contact the Commandant or the Adjutant prior to the meeting with an acceptable reason. Excuses will not be accepted from persons other than the officer unless that officer is in the hospital. Should an officer not answer the roll call at the General Membership Meeting and no excuse was provided prior to the General Membership Meeting by that officer, that officer will be recorded as absent.

ARTICLE TEN **FINANCES**

SECTION 1 – Donations Any donation made to the detachment as such shall be placed in the General Fund. Any Donation made to a specified activity of the Detachment shall be placed in that fund.

SECTION 2 – Reimbursement No reimbursement for the Detachment to a member shall be made unless:

1. The member receives prior approval from the Commandant and:
2. The member turns in a “Request for Reimbursement” form with the original receipt (or a legible copy). The form – “Request for reimbursement” will be give to the member from the paymaster upon approval as specified in the aforementioned paragraph 1.

SECTION 3 Any check drawn by any authorized person in this Detachment shall be made payable to a firm, business, National or Department Officer. Checks for delegates to conventions, etc., may be made payable to the delegate by name and marked for which the purpose drawn. If a member receives an expense account check for being a delegate and does not attend the function, the check shall be returned at the next regular business meeting for cancellation.

SECTION 4 3 – Authorized Signatures Checks issued by the Detachment shall require two (2) signatures. The following officers will be authorized to sign checks: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Adjutant, Paymaster and Quartermaster.

1. All bank accounts will require two (2) signatures for the withdraw of funds. The following officers will be authorized to sign for the withdraw of funds: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Adjutant and Paymaster.

ARTICLE ELEVEN **MISCELLANEOUS**

SECTION 1 – Member Commitment No member of this Detachment shall make any commitment on the part of the Detachment without prior approval. No member shall write any article to newspapers, radio or other news media using the name of the detachment without prior approval of the Commandant and first being cleared on the floor by the Detachment. No member of this Detachment shall write any letter to the Department or National Headquarters without first receiving approval from the Commandant and approval from the floor. All such communications shall be forwarded via official channels. No member shall be denied the right to forward such communications if within good taste. However, the Detachment reserves the right to add written disapproval.

SECTION 2 – Honor Guard Attendance When any member of this Detachment dies, an Honor Guard will be in attendance at the funeral home and an Honor Guard will officiate at the gravesite. This is a solemn obligation that all must observe. The Honor Guard should consist of at least four (4) members if possible, but shall consist of not less than two (2) members.

SECTION 3 – Grievances Grievances and Discipline shall be followed by the guidelines as set forth in the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Any member, who has committed any act that may bring discredit upon the Marine Corps League, may be tried for such act. Written charges must be preferred against the Marine and a copy sent to that Marine by Registered Mail or delivered in person. That Marine shall be informed of the time and place set for trial. A trial will be held by the Executive Board no less than ten (10) days after the copy of charges have been mailed or delivered to the accused. Results of the trial may be appealed to both the Department of Michigan and the National Headquarters should the accused be found guilty.

1. The following penalties may be imposed if the accused is found guilty: Suspension of Membership for a stated length of time, expulsion, blacklisting or a reprimand. Before any penalty is imposed, it must be approved by the Department of Michigan and National Headquarters.

SECTION 4 – Fines Members reporting late to meetings, wearing unauthorized devices on their Detachment Covers or using offensive language when the Bible is open shall be fined. Also, any conduct detrimental to good order shall be deemed as requiring a fine. Such fines shall not exceed twenty-five (25¢) for each and every infraction. All such fines shall go into the General Fund.

SECTION 5 – Duration of Motions A motion made on the floor, seconded and duly passed shall be considered as in effect for a period of one (1) year from that date. At the end of that period of time, if the motion had not been incorporated into the Bylaws as an amendment, it shall be considered null and void.

SECTION 6 – Appointed Officer/Committee Tenure Any Committee's appointed by a newly elected Commandant shall serve as an official committee of the Detachment for the duration of that Commandant's tenure only.

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SECTION 7 Changes and amendments to these Bylaws shall be read and approved on the floor at two (2) business meetings before they become law and binding on the Detachment. Notice of such proposed changes must be made to all members in time for them to appear at meetings. Such meetings may be, but do not have to be consecutive.

SECTION 8 7 – Sympathy Arrangements That Sympathy Arrangements may will be ordered and paid for by the Detachment for members in good standing for their funerals. Sympathy Arrangement may also be sent to funerals of currently serving Department of Michigan elected officers and Past Department Commandants. The Sympathy Arrangement should will be of a normal cost. A Protestant or Catholic Bible may be presented to the family of a deceased member of the Detachment in lieu of a sympathy arrangement.

SECTION 9 8 – Marine In Need Program That there be a "Marine in Need" program for the Detachment. It will be offered to a Marine that is in financial need through no fault of his/her own. This

program will be administered and amounts approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall try to procure assistance through the various veterans; help sources in the County and the State for said Marine. In no case shall any amount exceed \$200.00 per Marine in any twelve-month period from the Detachment's Assets.

ARTICLE TWELVE, AMENDING OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1 – Method Members in good standing, of this Detachment seeking to revise, repeal or amend the Bylaws shall submit their proposals in typewritten form to the Detachment Judge Advocate. The proposals will be considered at the following General Membership Meeting. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter. Each proposal shall reference the Articles, Sections and paragraph to be revised, repealed or amended. Each proposal must contain the old version, the new wording, the rationale and the final wording. Otherwise, they will not be considered. The Judge Advocate will disseminate the proposals without comment by reading the proposals at the next two General Membership Meetings. Such meetings may be, but do not have to be consecutive. The Detachment Adjutant shall publish all proposals to the membership after receipt of the considered proposals from the Judge Advocate if not too lengthy and deemed too costly.

SECTION 2 – Approval Any revisions, repeals or amendments will be brought to a vote by the membership under Good of the League. A two-thirds majority of those members present is required by voice vote to pass revisions, repeals or amendments of the Bylaws. Any changes approved by the General Membership shall take effect after the General Membership Meeting in which they were approved.