



Detachment By-Laws

Marine Corps League

General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025

Lenexa, Kansas

Approved by Detachment Members March 25, 2015

Approved as Amended by Detachment Members: 22 MARCH 2017

MCL National Bylaws Amended & Approved August 2019 National Convention

Detachment Members Approved New Bylaws February 26, 2020

Detachment BOT by Executive Order Amended Bylaws March 25, 2020

Article I – Detachment Name

The name of this Detachment shall be the General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025, chartered by and under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Corps League.

Article II – Purpose (from 2019 National By-Laws)

The purpose of this Detachment 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 the men who have given their lives to the Nation;
- 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 Corpsman, and FMF Navy Chaplains, 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.

Article III – Policy

The Detachment shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment. The Detachment shall ever be non-sectarian, non-political and non-partisan. Preferment or referent by reason of present or former military rank as well as by reason of former or present civilian position shall not be countenanced.

Article IV – Membership

- A. The Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership providing individuals meet the requirements and descriptions of the National By-Laws.
 - 1. No Member will be deprived of any rights or privileges in the Marine Corps League 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 found in Chapter Nine of the National Administrative Procedures.
 - 2. The right of appeal under the provisions of the National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures shall not be denied.
 - 3. Categories of Membership as defined in the National By-Laws are: Regular, Associate, Corporate, and Honorary.

Article V – Dues and Budget

- 1. The National MCL and Department of Kansas MCL each set their own dues. This Detachment will assign Detachment dues that cover the National MCL and Department of Kansas MCL dues as well as dues to be retained by this Detachment. The amount of annual dues for membership in the Detachment shall be determined by the membership of this Detachment and shall be specified in the Detachment's Procedures.
- 2. The date of annual dues shall be determined by National MCL.
- 3. Life Membership fees will be established by the National Convention.
- 4. Annual renewal dues must be paid upon receipt or at the first meeting after such notice is made. Any member going in excess of 60 days in arrears shall be listed as such on the Detachment rooster and will be dropped from membership if this status continues for 12 months.
- 5. The current administration of Officers will prepare a budget for the coming year and present it to the new administration of Officers at the last official Officers meeting of that year for their consideration. The new administration of Officers will present a budget for the coming year to the Detachment at the June meeting for its approval.

Article VI - Organization

- 1 The elected officers of the Detachment shall be the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- 2 The elected and appointed officers with the addition of the Junior Past Commandant shall be known as the Board of Trustees (BOT).
- 3 The BOT and the committee chairpersons will be known as the Detachment Staff.
- 4 Associate Members may serve in appointed offices only.
- 5 In addition to death, resignation or incapacity, a vacancy in the BOT will occur through: (1) failure to attend two consecutive official meetings of the BOT without being excused, or (2) removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with National Administrative Procedures.
- 6 No elected or appointed officer or committee member will receive any compensation, salary or benefit for any service rendered to this Detachment. Reimbursement for authorized expenses will be provided.

- BOT Amended Article VI March 25, 2020

Article VII – Elections

1. Qualifications: Any Member in good standing with the Detachment is eligible to run for office.
2. The Officers for election will be nominated and elected in accordance with the administrative procedures of the Detachment.
3. The Adjutant will publish the names of Members nominated for office to each active member at least two weeks prior to the scheduled election.
4. The election and Report of Officer Installation shall be in accordance with National By-Laws.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

See GUIDEBOOK for DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Article IX – Meetings

This Detachment will hold its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1900 hrs. Location will be at the Isadore Hoehn Post 7397 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars located at 9550 Pflumm Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 having a telephone number of 913-492-2244). In the event of a change in location, the Commandant will notify the Department Commandant of said change as soon as possible and will ensure that the membership is notified in sufficient time to attend.

Article X – Rules of Order

1. All proceedings of the Detachment shall be conducted in accordance with the eleventh edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in all cases that are applicable, if they are not in conflict with the National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures, Department By-Laws, and any special rules of order National may adopt. In the event of a conflict, the ruling authority is the National By-Laws, then the National Administrative Procedures, Department By-Laws, then Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Article XI – Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws

Any Member in good standing may present a By-Law change proposal in accordance with the Procedure for By-Law Amendment. Any proposed By-Law change must be approved by the Department Judge Advocate before being adopted.

Article XII – Motions Involving Expenditures from the floor.

1. Any Member in good standing with the Detachment may make a motion to expend funds from the floor when the Detachment is conducting business. If the motion receives a Second, then the motion shall be considered in accordance with normal business protocol.
2. The Paymaster shall determine if the proposed expenditure falls within the budget of the affected account.
3. If the proposed expenditure will not exceed the budget of the affected account, then the motion can be voted upon by the Membership.
4. If the motion involves the spending of unbudgeted funds, as determined by the Paymaster, the motion must be postponed until the next regular Detachment meeting. The BOT will evaluate the proposal and report its findings and recommendation to the Membership at the next Detachment meeting. The motion can then be voted upon by the Membership.
5. It is incumbent upon the Membership to consider the potential consequences of any expenditure as it may adversely affect the Detachment.
6. In the event a true emergency that arises between Detachment meetings, the Commandant may authorize a necessary expenditure with a majority approval of the BOT (phone calls and email messages are valid for authorization). The Commandant will report such action to the Membership at the next regular meeting.

Article XIII – Finances

1. All disbursements shall be made by check.
2. Each check will bear two signatures – the Commandant and Paymaster. One other Officer may be designated with signature authority to sign in the extended absence of a regular signer.
3. All financial records will be kept timely and in accordance with established good accounting principles.

Article XIV – Conduction of Meetings

1. All meetings will be conducted according to the current “Ritual” Handbook as published by National Headquarters.

DETACHMENT CERTIFICATION

I, Ken Fain, Commandant, General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025 of the Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the By-Laws as contained herein were approved by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting at the regular Detachment meeting held on 26 February 2020 at the Isadore Hoehn Post 7397 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lenexa, Kansas.



Ken Fain,
Detachment Commandant

Date: 3-22-2020

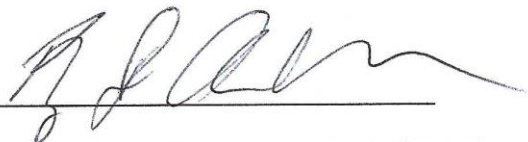
I, Bill Clinton, Detachment Adjutant, General Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025 of the Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the By-Laws as contained herein were approved by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting at the regular Detachment meeting held on 26 February 2020 at the Isadore Hoehn Post 7397 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lenexa, Kansas.



Bill Clinton,
Detachment Adjutant

Date: 3-24-2020

Approved as to Form and Content on this date 29 March 2020



Bryson L Allen, Judge Advocate, Dept of KS, MCL

Note, signed electronically per Detachment Board of Trustees Executive Order - COVID-19 State of Kansas business shut down Executive Order of non-essential group gathering & MCL Department of Kansas Commandant order to not hold membership meetings & events until June 1, 2020