

MARINE OF THE YEAR & ASSOCIATE MARINE OF THE YEAR



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - MIDWEST DIVISION

Administrative Procedures
Nomination Submission Guidelines SOP
Rev: December 15, 2025

All nomination packets and questions should be electronically sent to:

2026 MWD Marine of the Year Society Chair

Joe Hughes, MWD MOY 2022

913.660.4817

MWDMOY@gmail.com

Subject line must be clearly marked

"Marine of the Year or Associate Marine of the Year Midwest Division"

Marine Corps League



The Midwest Division, Marine Corps League, on October 17 1998 at the Division Fall Conference, sanctioned the selection of an active member from the various Detachments within the Midwest Division to the high honor of Marine of the Year. The following comprises the administrative procedures as revised October 17, 2003 - October 22, 2005 – October 17, 2009 – April 23, 2022 - December 15, 2025 by the MOY MWD Society and establishes “The Society of Marine of the Year, Midwest Division”, hereinafter referred to as “The Society.”

Membership: “The Society” will be comprised of all Marine Corps League members who have been awarded the Midwest Division Marine of the Year at a Midwest Division conference. Only those members who are active annual or life members in good standing shall be voting members of the Society. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant shall be an “Ex-Officio” member of “The Society” without a vote. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant will have a voting right only should the total membership of “The Society” fail to maintain four (4) active members.

Leadership: “The Society” shall elect/appoint one of its members to the office of Chair of “The Society” at the conference. In the event the Chair cannot be present at any meeting of “The Society”, the senior Marine of the Year shall represent “The Society” or Chair at the meeting of “The Society”.

Quorum: “The Society” shall meet once a year before the Midwest Division Conference on call of the Chair, to determine selection, if any, of that years’ Marine of the Year. There shall be at least three (3) members present to constitute a quorum of “The Society”.

Nominations: Nominations for Marine of the Year shall originate from the Detachment level. The nominee must be an annual or life member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and by extension, the Midwest Division. The award shall be presented to a Marine Corps League member, who in the opinion of their Detachment have rendered service and performed deeds above and beyond that expected of a member of the League. Nominations should contain information that is immediately evident to the reader that the individual enhanced the concepts of citizenship, furthered the aims, ideals of the League or acted in a heroic manner without regard to his or her personal safety. Written affidavits, newspaper articles or personal statements are not required, but may be submitted.

Application: No Individual member or Officer of the Marine Corps League other than the Detachment Leadership may make a nomination. All nominations must be submitted by the Detachment and Signed by the Detachment Commandant or Adjutant-Paymaster. Detachments will not be limited as to the number of nominations they may make in any one Division year. All nominations

will be in writing and shall be forwarded by cover letter (suggested Detachment Letterhead Stationary) **not later the 15th of February of the year in question.** Nominations not in good order or received after the deadline requirement shall be returned to the Detachment with a note from "The Society" Chair.

Forwarding of Nominations: Since the change at the 2022 Spring Division Conference to only hold one meeting a year in the spring usually in April and the National Bylaws change to electronic submission, nominations shall be emailed with the cover letter, MOY nomination form, attached and any other attachments to enhance the nomination to the Chairman of the Midwest Division Marine of the Year Committee by **email at MWDMOY@gmail.com.** To make sure you know that the Society Chair has received the nomination you will receive a return email confirming receipt in a timely manner. The Nomination must be **submitted no later than February 15th. The email containing the nomination must be clearly marked "Marine of the Year Midwest Division" in the subject line.**

Selection Board Actions: The Chair of the Society shall make an electronic copy of each nomination and e-mail the copies to each member of the Society by the 22nd of February for the members to examine. The 1st week of March the Society will hold a Zoom conference or some other electronic meeting to discuss and decide the nominee that will be awarded the Midwest Division Marine of the Year. This will give the Chair of the Society enough time to have the plaque made and medal engraved to be presented at the annual Midwest Division Conference in April.

The Society shall ensure that all nominations meet the basic criteria of membership in a Detachment, and with same being from the Detachment. "The Society" Members present will analyze all applications and make a selection. ***"The Society" will not be required to make a selection; if the nomination's received do not meet the Marine of Year expectations criteria. It is the sincere intent of "The Society" to make an annual award every year. Under the circumstance, whereby Detachments neglect to submit nominations or those nominations received fail to be qualified nominations, "The Society" may forgo that provision in the Nominations and Application paragraph's of this procedure, whereby nominations must originate at Detachment level. "The Society" may then select a worthy individual who is an active member from within various Midwest Division Detachments.***

Recognition: The Chair shall inform the Midwest Division National Vice Commandant not later than April 1 of that year of the final selection made by "The Society" for the Midwest Division Marine of the Year. The Chair and or Midwest Division National Vice Commandant shall be responsible for obtaining the Plaque and Medal prior to the Midwest Division Conference. The Midwest Division National Vice Commandant and the Chair shall make the presentation. All Detachment Commandant's should ensure that their nominees (s) are present at the Division Conference.

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CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

The *Division Marine of the Year Award and Division Associate Member of the Year Award* are the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a regular or associate member of the Marine Corps League. The candidates for these awards are nominated by the people who know them best, the Marines and Associates of their own detachment.

Criteria for the award: Elevating Prestige, Exceptional Commitment, Innovative Advancements, Inspirational Leadership, Enduring Legacy, National and Division Recognition, Tangible Outcomes, Alignment with Detachment's Mission and Values.

By incorporating these elements, a distinguished contribution to the Marine Corps League becomes a highly distinguished and discernible category within the award criteria. It ensures the award is reserved for individuals who have made extraordinary and enduring contributions that significantly enhanced the stature, mission, and influence, thereby leaving a lasting impact on the Marine Corps League.

The recommendations are screened by a panel of judges made up entirely of Past Division Marines of the Year and Past Division Associate Members of the Year. The new Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year are introduced and honored at the Midwest Division Conference Banquet.

To those that are nominated by their respective Detachment and do not get selected, be proud! You have served your country well and your fellow Marines and Associate members felt that you deserved to be nominated for this honor. That alone is a privilege that very few have shared.

DIVISION MARINE OF THE YEAR- This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. Letters of Nomination for National Marine of the Year shall originate only at the detachment level. No individual member of the Marine Corps League or any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's detachment. The nominee shall be a regular member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination. Only officers and/or members of the detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has, been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety.

DIVISION ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR- This award shall be presented to an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. Letters of Nomination for Division Associate of the Year shall originate only at the detachment level. No individual member of the Marine Corps League or any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's detachment. The nominee shall be an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination. Only officers and/or members of the detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety.

Information that may help the Society with Selection:

1. How long has Nominee been a member of the Marine Corps League and this Detachment?
2. What Offices has Nominee held on the Detachment, Department, Division, or National level if any?
3. What Committees has the Nominee served on and in what capacity, at the Detachment, Department, Division or National level if any?
4. Has Nominee received any prior awards from the Marine Corps League on any level or from any other organization?
5. Has Nominee worked with Toys for Tots in what capacity and how long?
6. Has Nominee worked with the Young Marines, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, or other youth organizations, what capacity, how long?
7. Does the Nominee Volunteer at VA Facilities or work with any Homeless Veterans programs?
8. Has Nominee worked with any other community services?
9. Has the Nominee been instrumental in recruiting new members or helped to start a new detachment?

NOMINATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

NOMINATION PDF FOR MUST BE USED

Download Nomination PDF and complete, no hand written

NOMIATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DETACHMENT

COMMANDANT BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL

MWDMOY@gmail.com

Nomination MUST BE emailed by February 15th

CURRENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RIBBONS / SERVICE RECORD

ENTER NUMBER OF AWARDS EARNED PER RIBBON NEXT TO RIBBON

Name: _____ **Profile #:** _____

Detachment: _____ **MCL #:** _____

Department: _____ **Detach #:** _____



Heroism



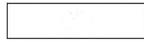
Distinguished Service



Division Associate of the Year



Detachment Associate of the Year



Past National Commandant



Department Staff Elected



Detachment Staff Elected



Board of Trustees Commendation
Victor T Fisher



Ceremonial Guard Ribbon



Chief Devil Dog Commendation
Individual



Pound Keeper Commendation
Individual



Other Awards



Distinguished Citizen Gold



National Marine of the Year



Department Marine of the Year



National Recruiter Gold



National Staff Elected



Department Staff Appointed



Detachment Staff Appointed



National Unit Commendation



Marksmanship Rifle Ribbon



Pack Dog of the Year



Past Chief Devil Dog



Distinguished Citizen Silver



National Associate of the Year



Department Associate
of the Year



National Recruiter Silver



National Staff Appointed



Department Recruiter - Silver



Detachment Recruiter Bronze



Department Unit Commendation



Marksmanship Pistol Ribbon



Pack Leader Commendation
Individual



Past Pack Leader

MCL Member Dte:



Distinguished Citizen Bronze



Division Marine of the Year



Detachment Marine of the Year



National Recruiter Bronze



Department Commandant



Detachment Commandant



Community Service



Individual Meritorious
Commendation



Kennel Dog of the Year



Pound Dog of the Year



Past Pound Keeper

Total MCL Yrs

Detachment Offices Held:

Commandant Paymaster
Sr. Vice SGT Arms
Jr. Vice Chaplain
Judge Adv Webmaster
Adjutant

Department Offices Held:

Commandant Paymaster
Sr. Vice SGT Arms
Jr. Vice Chaplain
Judge Adv Webmaster
Adjutant

Division Offices Held:

NVC SGT Arms
Asst. NVC Chaplain
Jr. Past NVC Legal Adv.
Adjutant Training
Paymaster Webmaster

Committee / Other Service Positions Held / Years:

_____ **Years** _____



Report Date: _____

NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SERVICE RIBBON RECORD
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SECTION

Profile#

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“MARINE OF THE YEAR” MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - MIDWEST DIVISION

Members of Marine of Year Society Midwest Division:
Authorized 1998 by National Vice Commandant Thomas Oglesby

1999	Ron Brown *	Iowa
2000	Clyde Johnson *	Missouri
2001	Tony Drennen *	Missouri
2002	Erling Larson *	Iowa
2003	Thomas Oglesby *	Minnesota
2004	NO AWARD	
2005	Earl Weller *	Kansas
2006	Sylvester Brunnert *	Missouri
2007	Robert Box *	Missouri
2008	Gerald A. Moorehead	Iowa
2008	Levon “Lee” Hollrah *	Missouri
2009	Jerry Bradley	Missouri
2010	Robert Holsinger	Iowa
2011	Bernie Thompson	Minnesota
2012	Donald Hildrebrand*	Iowa
2013	Bryson L. Allen	Kansas
2014	David F. Hunter	Missouri
2015	David T. Ossian	Nebraska
2016	Wendell W. Webb	Missouri
2017	Courtney Livingston	South Dakota
2017	Janice Hartley	Missouri
2018	Harvey Harris	Kansas
2019	Jan Denney	Kansas
2020	George Kline	Iowa

2021	Hugh Nisbet	Missouri
2021	Jason House	Nebraska
2022	Joseph M. Hughes	Kansas
2023	Eldon (Doc) Holsey	Kansas
2023	James K Maevers	Missouri
2024	Daniel Harrington	South Dakota
2025	Teresa Terry	Missouri

* Deceased