

MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT 154

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF 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 known as the Marine Corps League and order and establish these Bylaws.

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, 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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ARTICLE I NAME AND SEAL

SECTION 100. Name. The name of this organization shall be “Macomb County Detachment, Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League”.

SECTION 105. 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.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

SECTION 200. Purpose. The purpose of this Detachment shall be:

- A. To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.
- B. 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.
- C. To fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served this Nation as Marines.
- D. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
- E. To hold sacred the history and memory of those Marines who have given their lives for our Nation.
- F. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.
- G. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their widows and orphans.
- H. 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 MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 300. 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;
- B. **U.S. Navy Personnel.**
 - 1. 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

2. Earned the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device (FMFEWS) (1 Oct 2006 to present) or the Fleet Marine Force 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 FMFQO may serve as prima facie evidence of eligibility.

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.

C. **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. Upon acceptance, associate members will pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for regular members, including any 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;
2. Rights. Associate members shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member unless otherwise prohibited as listed ARTICLE III, SECTION 300.
3. 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. 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.
 - d. Elected Office. Associate members shall not hold an elective office.

D. **Honorary Membership.** A person who has performed 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-off 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 305. Applications. The Detachment may accept or reject any application for membership at its discretion. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the membership dues as set forth by the Detachment and proof of service as defined in ARTICLE III, SECTION 335. 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 310. 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 315. Oath. 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 320. Payment of Dues. All members of the Detachment shall renew their dues annually by September 1st.

SECTION 325. Detachment Dues. Membership Dues shall be as follows:

- A. Initial and combined dues for the first year shall be thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars. This sum shall be submitted along with the Application for Membership.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Annual renewal dues of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars shall be paid annually on September 1st.

SECTION 330. 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 335. 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:

- A. Sponsoring member must view a copy of their DD214, Active-Duty Identification Card or Reserve Identification Card.

SECTION 340. Life Membership. 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.

- A. 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.
- B. Other members of the Detachment, who so desire, may purchase Life Membership in accordance with Section 7050 of the MCL National Administrative Procedures.

ARTICLE IV AWARDS

SECTION 400. Marine of the Year. This Detachment shall have an annual “Marine of the Year” award. The award is to be presented to a Regular Member in good standing of the Detachment who has performed the most valuable services to the Detachment during the past year.

- A. The period of service shall be from the Detachment Installation of Officers to the Installation of Officers Meeting the following year.
- B. Previous 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.
- C. The Marine of the Year selected shall receive the Marine Corps League’s Detachment standard red Marine of the Year Ribbon along with the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion. An 3/16” bronze star will be worn to indicate each additional award. A member presented this award more than once, shall be issued only one (1) medal.
- D. 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 405. Associate Member of the Year. This Detachment shall have an annual “Associate Member of the Year” award. The award is to be presented to an Associate Member in good standing of the Detachment who has performed the most valuable services to the Detachment during the past year.

- A. The period of service shall be from the Detachment Installation of Officers to the Installation of Officers Meeting the following year.
- B. Previous recipients of this award shall select the Associate Member of the Year. They shall be guided by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in their selection.
- C. The Associate Member of the Year selected shall receive the Marine Corps League's Detachment standard red Marine of the Year Ribbon with the bronze "A" device along with the Detachment Associate Member of the Year Medallion. An 3/16" bronze star will be worn to indicate each additional award. A member presented this award more than once, shall be issued only one (1) medal.
- D. No member, once being selected and receiving the Associate Member of the Year award from this Detachment, shall be eligible to receive the award again for a period of four (4) years.

SECTION 410. James J. Smothers Award. 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.

- A. 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 amount approved by the Executive Board as bequeathed by the late Captain James J. Strothers.
- B. The period of service for this award shall be from 1 November to 31 October.
- C. The recipient of this award shall receive a certificate.
- D. No person receiving this award shall be eligible to succeed themselves in receiving this award.
- E. 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.
- F. 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 415. 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.

- A. The cost of the Lapel Pin shall be borne by the Detachment.
- B. This award will be awarded for each five (5) year period.

- C. All other medals, lapel pins or awards presented and any replacement medals shall be at the cost of the member.

SECTION 420. 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.

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

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 500. 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 505. 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 510. Quorum. Four (4) 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 515. Power to Function. The Executive Board shall have the power to function and make decisions between regular meetings of the Detachment.

SECTION 520. 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 VI DETACHMENT TRUSTEES

SECTION 600. Membership. The elected officers as defined in Article Five, Section 2 shall be the Board of Trustees. They shall audit the books of all funds semi-annually, 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 VII GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 700. 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.

- A. All meetings of the Detachment shall be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. The Detachment Charter or copy, the National colors and a Bible will be displayed at all business meetings.

SECTION 705. 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 710. 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 715. 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 720. Addressing the Commandant. The Commandant shall be addressed as “Sir Commandant” or “Madam Commandant” and all other members shall have the prefix Marine/member attached to their names.

SECTION 725. Addressing the Chair. A member wishing to address the Chair or make a motion shall stand and state: “Sir or Madam Commandant, Marine/member (giving their last name)”. When recognized by the chair, that Marine/member will continue.

SECTION 730. 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 735. Marine Corps League Covers. Members are urged to wear the authorized Marine Corps League Uniform Covers to all meetings.

- A. 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.
- B. 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 740. 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 VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 800. Timing of Nominations and Elections. This Detachment shall hold its 1st nominations of officers in August, 2nd nominations and elections in September with the installation to be not later than October of each calendar year.

SECTION 805. Sequence of Nomination. The following officers shall be nominated in the following sequence: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate. Nominations shall be held at the August and September General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 810. 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 September 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 September General Membership Meeting. The Commandant shall be the judge if the absence is acceptable.

SECTION 815. 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, 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 820. Sequence of Voting. With the offices and sequence of order being set in SECTION 805 of this Article, each office will be individually voted on in the following manner:

- A. Prior to voting, the Adjutant shall call three times for final nominations of that office.
- B. The Adjutant will then inquire of the nominees in reverse order of nomination, "if elected will you accept this office?"
- C. When more than one nominee accepts his or her nomination, voting as prescribed in SECTION 815 of this Article will determine who will hold that office for the pursuing year.
- D. 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 825. 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. This is traditionally a two-year term.

SECTION 830. 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 835. 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 member must attend the business meeting to receive reimbursement.

ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 900. 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.

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

SECTION 905. Senior Vice Commandant. It shall be the duty of the Senior 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 Senior Vice Commandant is 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 910. Junior Vice 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 915. 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. This is an elected position.

SECTION 920. 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 appointed position.

SECTION 925. 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 appointed position.

- A. The Adjutant and Paymaster positions may 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 930. 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 appointed position.

SECTION 935. 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 appointed position.

SECTION 940. 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 945. 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.

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

SECTION 950. 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 veteran's 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 955. 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 960. 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 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 965. Detachment Liaison. 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 970. 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 X FINANCES

SECTION 1000. 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 1005. Reimbursement. No reimbursement for the Detachment to a member shall be made unless:

- A. The member receives prior approval from the Commandant and:
- B. The member turns in a "Request for Reimbursement" form with the original receipt (or a legible copy). The form – "Request for reimbursement" will be given to the member by the Paymaster upon approval as specified in the aforementioned Section 1005, A.

SECTION 1010. Checks. 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 1015. 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, and Paymaster.

- A. 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 and Paymaster.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1100. 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 1105. Honor Guard Attendance. When any member of this Detachment dies, an Honor Guard should 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 1110. 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 member and a copy sent to that member by Registered Mail or delivered in person. That member 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.

- A. 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 1115. 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. A twenty-five (25¢) more increase for each repeated infraction.

SECTION 1120. 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 1125. Appointed Officer/Committee Tenure. Any Committee appointed by a newly elected Commandant shall serve as an official committee of the Detachment for the duration of that Commandant's tenure only. Any Appointed Officer or Committee appointed by a newly elected Commandant shall serve for the duration of that Commandant's tenure only.

SECTION 1130. 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 1135. 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 via in person, email or telephone, 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 XII AMENDING OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1200. 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 rational 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 lengthily and deemed too costly.

SECTION 1205. Bylaw Changes. Changes and amendments to these Bylaws shall be read and approved on the floor at two (2) business meetings before they are voted on and 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 1210. 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.

Detachment approval date:_____

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