



CORNHUSKER DETACHMENT #370
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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CHANGE 1

From: Cornhusker Detachment Judge Advocate
To: Distribution List

Subj: DETACHMENT BYLAW CHANGES APPROVED AT THE 2016 ANNUAL DETACHMENT MEETING

Ref: (a) 1987 Edition of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures w/ Changes
(b) 1984 Edition of the Cornhusker Detachment Bylaws

Encl: (1) New Page Inserts

1. **Background.** At the 2016 Annual Detachment Meeting, the membership of the Cornhusker Detachment proposed four (4) changes to the existing detachment bylaws, all of which were approved.
2. **Summary of Changes.**
 - a. The proposal to change the requirement for “Membership Eligibility” to reflect the National Bylaws, recognizing “Honorable service” as relating to the most recent DD-214 or certificate of Discharge that the applicant received, was approved.
 - b. The proposal to change the procedure for all detachment expenditures over \$500 to now require member approval by motion and vote was approved.
 - c. The proposal to change the procedures for releasing any amount of detachment funds to now require a completed and authorized funds request form was approved.
 - d. The proposal to change the bylaw information regarding the detachment’s Annual Meeting to a more generic description was approved.

3. **Action.**

- a. Remove Section 120 – Membership parts (a) – (c) of the detachment bylaws and replace with Section 120 – Membership parts (a) – (c) in this Enclosure.
- b. Insert Section 220 – Quorum part (d) in this Enclosure below part (c) of Section 220 – Quorum of the detachment bylaws.
- c. Remove Section 415 – Duties of Officers parts (a) and (b) of the detachment bylaws and replace with Section 415 – Duties of Officers parts (a) and (b) in this enclosure.
- d. Remove Section 200 – Annual Meeting part (a) of the detachment bylaws and replace with Section 200 – Annual Meeting part (a) in this enclosure.
- e. File this page in front of page 1 of the Cornhusker Detachment Bylaws.

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DISTRIBUTION:
Cornhusker Detachment Bylaws Article One, Section 120; Article Two, Section 200 and 220; and Article Four, Section 415.

Reviewed and Approved:

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CORNHUSKER DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
BYLAWS



ARTICLE ONE - GENERAL

Section 100 - Organization.

- a) The Marine Corps League of Lincoln, Nebraska, is a duly chartered detachment of the National Marine Corps League.

Section 105 - Purpose. 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 civil life;
- h) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their widows and orphans;
- i) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps, and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines.

Section 110 - Name.

- a) The name of the Lincoln, NE, detachment shall be the Cornhusker Detachment.

Section 115 - Policy.

- a) The supreme power of the Cornhusker Detachment shall be vested in its members; executive and administrative power only will be delegated to the Board of Trustees.
- b) No member shall be allowed to use his membership to further his business or personal interest.

Section 120 - Membership.

- a) REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - Only persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and persons who are serving or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points and U.S. Navy Corpsmen who have trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon and those who earn the Warfare Device authorized for FMF Corpsmen shall be eligible for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. Additionally, some Korean War Era Marines who were ordered to active duty prior to completion of Recruit Training or Officers Training and subsequently received an Honorable Discharge prior to completion of ninety (90) days active or Reserve duty, shall be deemed eligible for Regular Membership. Nothing in Section 120 shall be deemed to be retroactive prior to August 10, 2002, to affect current Regular Members. "Honorable service" will be defined by the last DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received.
- b) ASSOCIATE MEMBER - Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter may upon application to a Detachment, or to the National Headquarters, be accepted for associate membership in the Marine Corps League. Associate members, upon acceptance, will pay dues in the same amounts as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. A membership pin and membership card, indicating "Associate Member" will be issued by National Headquarters. The appropriate

uniform and cover, including an ornamental device and lettering will be designed by the National Uniform Committee. An associate member shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member, however, such member shall not vote on a membership application, an election of officers, or hold an elective office. All associate members are allowed to vote on the detachment's internal affairs provided such vote does not affect a policy of the Marine Corps League.

1. Individuals who are serving or have served in other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States must have served honorably.
2. Individuals applying for Associate Membership subsequent to August 11, 1995, must have reached the statutory minimum age for enlistment into the United States Marine Corps or United States Marine Corps Reserve prior to being enrolled as an Associate Member.

- c) HONORARY MEMBER - Detachments, Departments, and the National Headquarters may, at the discretion of the respective Commandant, issue honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, to the community, to the United States Marine Corps, or the Marine Corps League. The honorary member will not be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a regular or associate member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion. Payment of dues or initiation fees is not required; however, such membership will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League, except as may be directed by the National Board of Trustees, or by paid subscription. Membership card and certificate will be available from National Headquarters.
- d) LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Any member of the Marine Corps League in Good Standing may become a LIFE MEMBER, upon proper payment of the required fees as set by National. A life member shall be subject to the payment of NO further dues of any kind to Detachment, Department or National and shall have all privileges and benefits so long as that Life Member shall live.
- e) Candidates for membership shall be sponsored by a member of the Cornhusker Detachment pursuant with Section 805, National Bylaws.

Section 125 - Dues.

- a) The Board of Trustees shall fix the amount of membership dues.
- b) This amount shall include Department and National dues and fees which shall be forwarded with the standard transmittals.
- c) Membership year and annual dues shall expire annually on the last day of the anniversary month of such members receipt of dues at National Headquarters.

Section 130 - Committees.

- a) The Commandant shall be empowered to establish committees, appoint committee chairman and committee members as needed to serve the needs of the detachment. Committees may also be established at the direction of members present and voting at a regular meeting.

Section 135 - Bylaws.

- a) The bylaws of the Cornhusker Detachment shall be consistent with Department and National Bylaws, and are subject to the approval of the Department Judge Advocate.
- b) These bylaws may be amended on a vote of members at a regular meeting, provided proposed changes have been presented in writing to the Board of Trustees, and copies mailed to members in good standing prior to the meeting where the vote is taken.

ARTICLE TWO - MEETINGS

Section 200 - Annual Meeting.

- a) The annual meeting of the Cornhusker Detachment shall be held in April of each year for the election of officers, with such meeting to be held in Lincoln, NE.

Section 205 - Regular Meetings.

- a) Regular meetings shall be held on a date and at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

- b) No advance notice need be given to the general membership of the time and place of a regular meeting.

Section 210 - MCL Ritual.

- a) The "Marine Corps League Ritual" or an abridged version thereof, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall be observed.

Section 215 - Rules of Order.

- a) These bylaws, Department and National Bylaws, and the latest edition of "Roberts Revised Rules of Order" shall govern the procedures and conduct of each meeting.

Section 220 - Quorum.

- a) A quorum at any regular meeting or at the annual meeting shall consist of the members in good standing who are in attendance.
- b) Each member, except the Commandant, will have one vote. The commandant shall vote in case of a tie.
- c) With the exception of a mail in ballot for the election of officers there will be no proxy voting allowed. The procedure for the mail in ballot for the election of officers shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.
- d) All proposals for detachment expenditures over \$500 must be presented at a quorum, proposed as a motion and voted on by the detachment.

ARTICLE THREE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 300 - Membership.

- a) The Detachment Board of Trustees shall consist of the duly elected officers, the appointed officers, and the immediate past Commandant.

Section 305 - Meetings.

- a) The Detachment Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the Commandant.

Section 310 - Quorum.

- a) Members of the Board of Trustees in attendance at a called meeting shall constitute a quorum, provided all trustees have been notified of the meeting in advance.

Section 315 - Voting.

- a) Each Board member, except the Commandant, shall have one vote. The Commandant shall vote in case of a tie. There will be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE FOUR - OFFICERS

Section 400 - Officers.

- a) The elected officers of this detachment shall be Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate.
- b) The adjutant, paymaster, chaplain, and Sergeant-at-arms will be appointed by the elected officers prior to the Installation ceremony. The officers of adjutant and paymaster may be combined into one officer, adjutant/paymaster.

Section 405 - Nominating Committee.

- a) A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Commandant. Nominations shall be presented to the membership at a regular meeting or by mail prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election at the nominating meeting.

Section 410 - Tenure.

- a) All officers shall be elected for one year, and may succeed themselves for one additional year or more if re-elected by the membership.
- b) All appointed officers shall hold officer for one year, and may succeed themselves for one additional year or more if re-appointed by the elected officers.

Section 415 - Duties of Officers.

- a) Commandant. Directs MCL activities in the community, presides at all detachment meetings, serves as advisor to all committees, is in direct charge of all detachment functions, and administers the oath of membership to all new members.

1. Review and approve or disapprove all requests for detachment funds under \$500 for the purposes of:

- i. Rendering assistance to Marines and former Marines in need, as well as to their dependents, widows and orphans.
- ii. Promoting the image of the Cornhusker Detachment and/or the greater Marine Corps League through marketing and/or Marine outreach.

b) Senior Vice Commandant. Serves as presiding officer when the Commandant is not present, performs such duties as outlined in the MCL Ritual, serves as member recruitment chairman, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.

1. Review and approve or disapprove the Commandant's requests for detachment funds under \$500 for the purposes of:

- i. Rendering assistance to Marines and former Marines in need, as well as to their dependents, widows and orphans.
- ii. Promoting the image of the Cornhusker Detachment and/or the greater Marine Corps League through marketing and/or Marine outreach.

c) Junior Vice Commandant. Serves on any entertainment and/or social activities committees, performs such duties as outlined in the MCL Ritual, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.

d) Judge Advocate. Acts as legal counsel, interpreting National, Department, and Detachment Bylaws, renders opinions on matters of law and procedure, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.

e) Adjutant. Keeps a true record of all meetings, maintains an up to date membership file and a record of all detachment correspondence, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.

- f) Paymaster. Keeps a true record of all monies received and expended, a record of all dues paid, files appropriate dues transmittal forms with the National Offices, and other dues as recommended by the Commandant.
- g) Chaplain. Performs such duties as prescribed by the MCL Ritual, attempt to keep track of "members in distress" and notify membership at meetings and through the newsletter, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.
- h) Sergeant-at-arms. Arranges quarters for meetings, performs such duties as prescribed in the MCL Ritual, and other duties as recommended by the Commandant.

Section 420 - Installation of Officers.

- a) The installation of offices shall be conducted at a formal ceremony in May on a date and at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 425 - Vacancy.

- a) In the event of an elected officer's resignation, death, or removal from office for cause, the National Bylaws of the MCL shall prevail.

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