

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COMMISKEY-WHEAT DETACHMENT

BYLAWS OF THE COMMISKEY-WHEAT DETACHMENT Rev
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Under Section 500 of the National Bylaws of the MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE, the following Detachment Bylaws are set forth.

ARTICLE 1. Name

The name of this Corporation shall be known as the Commiskey-
Wheat Detachment, Marine Corps League, Inc., hereinafter referred to as
“Detachment.”

ARTICLE II. Purpose

Section 1. To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the
United States Marine Corps, to band those who have been honorably
discharged, retired from that Service, or are presently on active duty in
fellowship that may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and
democracy; to fit its members for the duties as citizens as they have served
the Nation under arms; to hold sacred the history and memory of the men
who have given their lives to the Nation; to foster love for the principles
which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the
Republic; to maintain true allegiance to American institutions; to create a
bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned
to civilian life; to aid voluntarily to render assistance to all Marines and
former Marines, as well as to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the
history of the U. S. Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the
anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines.

Section 2. This Detachment is not formed for profit, but is formed for
promoting the ideals and purposes enumerated above. The net earnings
shall be devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, operational and
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recreational purposes as defined by state and local statutes, and also as set forth in the National Bylaws of the Marine Corps League.

Section 3. Net earnings are defined as monies in excess of that required in the service and discharge of any and all financial obligations.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Section 1. Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, unless a majority of the membership present at a regular meeting decides otherwise. Any notice of special meetings or change of regular meeting dates shall be given to the membership by the Adjutant by mail/telephone at least five (5) days in advance of said meeting. If the regular monthly meeting falls on a holiday, or for some other reason cannot be held on the regular date, the Board of Trustees, by majority vote, may select some other day in that month or delete the meeting for just cause.

Section 2. Meetings of this Detachment shall be conducted with the order and precedence of the National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Roberts Revised Rules of Order.

Section 3. The Detachment Commandant or a majority of the Board of Trustees shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Detachment at any time, meeting the same requirements of advance notice to be given the membership as specified in Section 1 above.

Section 4. A minimum of ten (10) members of the Detachment must be present, including a majority of the elected officers, to constitute a quorum at a monthly meeting.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the Commandant, at least once a quarter, and as often as said Commandant may deem necessary. The Commandant shall call a meeting of the Detachment Board of Trustees upon the joint written request of three (3) or more members of said Board. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof.

Section 6. The Detachment Charter, of a copy thereof, the National and Marine Corps Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all regular business meetings.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The government and management of the Detachment is entrusted to a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall develop a Standing Operating Procedure for the management and expenditure of funds for the guidance of the Budget and Fundraising Committee.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees for this Detachment shall consist of the following elected officers: Commandant; Senior Vice Commandant; Junior Vice Commandant; Judge Advocate; Adjutant; Paymaster; Chaplain; and Sergeant At Arms. The Commandant, upon completion of his/her term of office, will also become an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. The following officers shall be appointed by the Detachment Commandant and, per National Bylaws, are not members of the Board of Trustees: Service Officer; Web Sergeant; and Aide de Camp.

Section 3. All elections of Officers shall be by ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of votes of those present and voting shall become elected.

Section 4. The Commandant shall appoint a Nominating Committee biannually in January of each even numbered year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a recommended slate of Officers for presentation during the February meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Election of Officers shall be held annually during the March meeting. Newly elected Officers are to be installed during the April meeting.

Section 5. Duties of the Commandant

- a. To preside at all meetings of the Detachment and Board of Trustees, as set forth in these Bylaws.

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- b. Direct the affairs of the Detachment as prescribed by the Board of

Trustees.

- c. Shall appoint committee members as required, including standing committees.
- d. Shall appoint additional committees as deemed necessary, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.
- e. Serve as a member of all committees, ex officio.
- f. Shall make the final ruling on questions of order, subject to an approval by the membership of the Detachment.

Section 6. Duties of the Senior Vice Commandant

- a. Shall, in the absence or incapacity of the Commandant, perform the duties of the Commandant.
- b. Shall also perform the duties delegated by the Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.
- c. Shall be responsible for entertainment and social events of the Detachment.
- d. Shall serve as the Chairperson of the Budget and Fundraising Committee.

Section 7. Duties of the Junior Vice Commandant

- a. Shall assist the Commandant in the discharge of his official duties.
- b. Shall assume the duties of the Commandant in the absence or disability of both the Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant.
- c. Serve as Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- d. Shall also perform the duties delegated by the Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.

Section 8. Duties of the Judge Advocate

- a. The Judge Advocate shall be in charge of the administration of all legal matters of the Detachment.
- b. Shall interpret and advise on any matter or questions concerning the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marine Corps League and of this Detachment.
- c. Shall be available to all Detachment Officers and Committees for legal advice pertaining to their duties and responsibilities.
- d. Shall serve as Chairperson of Detachment Bylaws Committee.

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Section 9. Duties of the Adjutant

- a. Shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keeping such records as Department and National organizations may require.
- b. Render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting.
- c. Keep current lists of names, addresses and telephone numbers of all current and previous members.
- d. Under direction of the Commandant, read and handle all communications and correspondence of the Detachment.
- e. Perform any additional duties assigned by the Commandant and/or the Board of Trustees.
- f. Shall read all communications, documents and applications for membership.
- g. Shall record and maintain for posterity, a full and complete account of all Detachment business meetings.
- h. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Birthday Ball Committee.

Section 10. Duties of the Paymaster

- a. Shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in a local bank or banks, as designated by the Board of Trustees.
- b. Shall prepare a monthly report for the Board of Trustees, reflecting the condition of the finances of the Detachment, with such recommendations as he/she may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the Detachment.
- c. Shall sign all checks disbursing the monies of the Detachment.
- d. Be responsible for ensuring that all checks written on the Detachment account, other than those payable to National and State offices of the Marine Corps League, be signed by a minimum of two (2) Officers. The Paymaster and at least two other designated Detachment Officers, either the Commandant, Senior Vice or Junior Vice or Adjutant, should be legally qualified to sign checks by bank records.
- e. Retain and produce, upon request, all financial records, vouchers and papers required for the proper maintenance of the Detachment

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account and/or for the required annual audit.

Section 11. Duties of the Chaplain

- a. Shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of all members and will offer divine but non-sectarian services in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, meetings, etc.
- b. Adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by Department or National, from time to time.
- c. Perform any additional duties assigned by the Commandant or the Board of Trustees.

Section 12. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms

- a. Assist the Detachment Commandant in keeping order at all meetings.
- b. Assure that only paid-up members of the Marine Corps League and authorized guests are admitted at meetings of the Detachment.
- c. Be responsible for the proper arrangement of the meeting area, to include, but not limited to, the placement of both colors and be responsible for the conduct of balloting during elections.
- d. Perform any additional duties assigned by the Commandant or the Board of Trustees.

Section 13. Duties of the Service Officer

- a. Shall be responsible for bringing to the attention of all members and their dependents, the rights and benefits granted to them by law.
- b. Will also serve as Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation or Service Committee, and perform others duties as assigned by the Commandant.

Section 14. Duties of the Junior Past Commandant

- a. The immediate Past Commandant shall assume this office automatically, without further election as the new Commandant is installed and takes office.
- b. Shall be the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and supervise the election of officers.
- c. Serve as the Assistant Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- d. Perform any additional duties assigned by the Commandant or the

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Board of Trustees.

Section 15. Duties of the Aide de Camp

a. Shall assist the Commandant in the performance of his duties and perform any additional duties assigned by the Commandant or the Board of Trustees. Such additional duties include those of Detachment Historian and Liaison Officer to higher headquarters for natural disasters or other major relief efforts in the area.

Section 16. Vacancies of Elected Officers

- a. Resignation, death or unexcused absence of three (3) consecutive meetings by any elected officer shall constitute a vacancy of said office.
- b. The Board of Trustees shall hold a special election to replace said vacancy for the remaining term of office at the next regular meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE V. Membership Eligibility

Section 1. Regular Membership

a. Only persons who are serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days and persons who are serving or have served in the U. S. 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 ninety (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.

b. All regular members shall be entitled to vote, but to be eligible to vote, a member must have a current membership card, indicating all

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dues have been paid.

c. Applications for membership shall be accepted and processed in accordance with the provisions as set forth in the National Bylaws

(MCL app form, verified proof of service, signed by a sponsor, including cash or check for the full amount required).

Section 2. Associate Membership

- a. Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League or the Marine Corps League Auxiliary who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional Charter, may, upon acceptance, pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees. A membership pin, similar to the design and style of the approved regular membership pin, indicating "Associate Member" will be issued by National Headquarters upon acceptance.
- b. An Associate Member shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member, except such member may not vote, or hold an elective office. They may, however, be appointed to committees by the Commandant, subject to the approval of the membership.

Section 3. Honorary Membership

- a. The Detachment may issue Honorary Membership with discretion, as prescribed in the National Bylaws.

Section 4. Membership Dues And Fees

- a. The payment of annual National Membership Dues entitles all members in good standing an automatic subscription to the Marine Corps League publication and enrollment privileges in any National Group Insurance Program that may be in effect.
- b. The Detachment Board of Trustees shall present its suggested dues rate to the Detachment membership following the National Convention or no later than the October regular meeting.
- c. The membership year and the annual dues shall expire on the last day of the anniversary month of each member's original dues having been received at National Headquarters.

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Section 5. Non-Payment of Dues

- a. Any member shall be dropped from the membership list when required dues are not paid and transmitted on or before the

membership expiration date shown on the membership card.
b. A delinquent member must pay all dues current and in arrears to be reinstated.

Section 6. Life Membership

- a. Any member of the Marine Corps League who is in good standing may become a Life Member, upon proper payment of fees, as required herein.
- b. A Life Member shall be subject to the payment of NO further dues to a Detachment or Department and/or National Headquarters.
- c. Such members shall have all the privileges, rights and benefits enjoyed as a member, so long as that Life Member shall live.
- d. Upon receiving application for Life Membership, the Detachment Paymaster will ensure that the applicant pays the Life Membership fee currently in effect.
- e. The full Life Membership fee shall be paid to National Headquarters (through the Paymaster) with no discounts, no rebates and no installment plan, whether such fee is paid by the individual or awarded by the Detachment.
- f. All Medal of Honor recipients who are members of the Marine Corps League shall be carried on the rolls as paid up Life Members.

ARTICLE VI. SUBSIDIARIES AND SUBORDINATE GROUPS

National Bylaws, Article seven (7), shall be applied as needed by this Detachment.

ARTICLE VII. GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINE

National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Nine (9), shall be
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applied as needed by this Detachment.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or altered in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting of the Detachment by two-thirds vote of the

members present and voting, provided such action has been announced a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Such adopted amendments shall not become effective until the next regular or special meeting of the Detachment.

Section 2. These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval of two-thirds of those members present and voting, a quorum of the Detachment being present, subject to approval by the Detachment Judge Advocate.

Adopted by the Commiskey-Wheat Detachment membership on the _____ Day of _____, 2009.

COMMANDANT
COMMANDANT

SENIOR VICE

JUDGE ADVOCATE
COMMANDANT

JUNIOR VICE

ADJUTANT