

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, INC



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Proposed Department of Florida, By-Law Amendments **For 2024**

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1. Article Two-Department Staff, Section 200 (a)

Currently reads:

The management of the Department of Florida is vested in those officers who have been properly elected by the representatives of the regular membership of the Department of Florida at the Annual Convention. They shall constitute The Department Board of Trustees. They are...

1. Department Commandant
2. Department Senior Vice Commandant
3. Department Junior Vice Commandant
4. Department Judge Advocate

Amend to read:

*The management of the Department of Florida is vested in those officers who have been properly elected by the representatives of the regular membership of the Department of Florida at the Annual Convention, **plus the appointed Junior Past Commandant or a Past Department Commandant** shall constitute The Department Board of Trustees. They are...*

1. Department Commandant
2. Department Senior Vice Commandant
3. Department Junior Vice Commandant
4. Department Judge Advocate
5. **Department Jr. Past Commandant or a Past Department Commandant**

Rationale:

The Junior Past Commandant is an appointed member of the BOT at National, Dept, and Detachments. In the Dept of FL By-Laws, Article Two, section 210 (f), it says: The Junior Past Commandant "shall, upon appointment by the Commandant with the consent and advice of the Board of Trustees, be a full voting member of the Department Board of Trustees." In the National By-Laws Art six, sec 600-Composition, The Jr. Past Commandant is listed as a member of the BOT.

2. Article Two-Department Staff, Section 200 (f)

Currently reads:

Any individual seeking elected office of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League shall have completed the Department of Florida Leadership School and have received a certificate of completion.

Amend to read:

Any individual seeking elected office of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League should be encouraged to complete the Department of Florida Professional Development Program.

Rationale:

To comply with the National BL and Dept of FL BL Article one, sec 130 (a).

Any Regular Member of the MCL in good standing, as defined in the National by-laws, is eligible to seek elective office without any restrictions other than those outlined in the National BL.

3. Article Two-Department Staff, Section 210, 7(f)

Currently reads:

And other duties as assigned by the Commandant or Board of Trustees.

Amend to read:

And other duties as assigned by the Commandant.

Rationale:

The BOT does not assign. The Cmdt appoints and assigns duties.

Proposed DOF Administrative Procedures Amendments For 2024

1. Chapter One-General, Section 110 (b)

Currently reads:

Department Meetings shall be held as directed in the National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. The times and places of each Department conference or convention shall be published to all Department Officers and Staff as well as all Detachment Commandants and Adjutants. Notice of these meetings shall be given at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. At least one (1) Department Convention and two (2) Department Conferences shall be held each year. The annual nomination, election and installation of Department Officers shall take place between May 1, and June 30, each year. These meetings shall be governed by the National and Department By-Laws and Administrative Procedures, and the proceedings will be conducted following the guidelines of the MARINE CORPS RITUAL and ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. The Installation Report will be prepared by the outgoing Department Adjutant and forwarded to National MCL Headquarters with copies to all Division and Detachment Commandants within five (5) days of the election and installation of the Department Officers.

Amend to read:

*Department Meetings shall be held as directed in the National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. The times and places of each Department conference or convention shall be published to all Department Officers and Staff as well as all Detachment Commandants and Adjutants. Notice of these meetings shall be given at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. At least one (1) Department Convention and two (2) Department Conferences shall be held each year. The annual nomination, election, and installation of Department Officers shall take place between May 1 and June 30 each year. These meetings shall be governed by the National and Department By-Laws and Administrative Procedures, and the proceedings will be conducted following the guidelines of the MARINE CORPS **LEAGUE** RITUAL and ROBERT'S RULES OF*

*ORDER. The Installation Report will be prepared by the outgoing Department Adjutant and forwarded to National MCL Headquarters with copies to **the Division National Vice Cmt, the District Vice Commandants, and the Detachment Commandants** within five (5) days of the election and installation of the Department Officers.*

Rationale:

I am correcting who gets copies, adding League to Marine Corps Ritual, and making grammatical corrections.

2. CHAPTER FIVE – Detachments

Section 515 (a)

Currently reads:

- (a) The Department Charter or copy, the National Colors, and a Bible **should** be displayed at all business meetings.

Amend to read:

*(a) The Department Charter or copy, the National Colors, and a Bible **shall** be displayed at all business meetings.*

Rationale: To comply with the National By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 830, which says, “Shall be displayed.”

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