

AIR, LAND, NC DETACHMENT OF THE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
By-Laws

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ARTICLE I - Name, Purpose and Resolve:

The name of this organization, that was chartered by the Marine Corps League, on December 5th 2006 is the "Air, Land, NC" Detachment of the Marine Corps League Detachment number 1257. These bylaws will conform to the Bylaws, administrative procedures, regulations and policies of the National and Department organizations.

The Marine Corps League is a veteran's organization of the United States Marine Corps. It is composed of Marines, former Marines and Navy Corpsmen who have served with the Fleet Marine Forces with honorable service. The aims of the League and the aims of this Detachment are to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of the Corps and all who have served under the Eagle, Globe and Anchor at any time in war or peace.

This Detachment is formed for non-profit purposes and its members will not derive any form of profit or benefit from assets and or property of the Detachment with exception that a member might be hired to provide commercial services for which he or she can be paid.

According to the National Bylaws, if this Detachment should dissolve the remaining assets will be distributed to the Department and/or National organizations.

ARTICLE II - Membership:

Membership in the Marine Corps League and this Detachment thereof, will not be denied on the basis of sex, race, religious beliefs, creed, or national origins as long as all other membership requirements **as outlined in Article Six of the National bylaws** are met. The categories of membership are: Regular, Associate, Life, Dual and Honorary. This means regardless of rank held, where or when a Marine or Corpsman served in what division, aircraft wing, or other organization that Marine or Corpsman male or female in welcome in the League and this Detachment.

All members are considered to be in good standing except when their dues are not paid in full and on time; they are indebted or in arrears to the Detachment, Department or National; or under suspension as punishment upon adjudication of guilt as per Chapter Nine, Section 910 of the Administrative Procedures.

A member shall be identified as delinquent whenever the member's dues are not paid and transmitted on or before membership expiration as shown on the member's card. A member can remain in delinquent status

for a maximum of one year at which time if dues have not been paid the member will be dropped from the rolls.

ARTICLE III - Officers:

The following officers will be elected annually by the membership of the Detachment: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant Judge Advocate, **Adjutant, Paymaster, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Chaplain**. To be eligible to hold elected office the member must be a "Regular" or "Life" member. The following officers are appointed to their office by the Commandant and serve at the pleasure of the Commandant during his or her term. Appointed positions include, but are not limited to, the following: Historian, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations/Information Officer, Veterans Service Officer, American/Education Officer, and Toys for Tots Liaison Officer. The duties of these officers are detailed in the "Guidebook for Detachment Officers". The Detachment has copies of the "Guidebook" and they are available for review by all members through the Adjutant.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) for this Detachment will consist of the elected officers plus the Junior Past Commandant, **as outlined in Article Five of the National Bylaws. The amended provisions of this article will take effect during the nomination and election processes in fall 2008.**

ARTICLE IV - Election of Officers:

The Detachment will hold a nominating process for the elected positions during the month of October with an election, by secret ballot, to be held in **November**. The nominating process will consist of the Commandant establishing an ad hoc nominating committee for the purpose of creating a slate of officers to be presented to the membership. Nominations from the floor may be accepted when the slate is presented upon a statement from the nominee indicating their willingness to serve prior to the voting process. All nominees must have proof of prior or active service on file with the Adjutant prior to the elections. The installation of new officers will be held **during the December meeting**. Elected positions can only be held by Regular or Life members. Associate members can serve in positions appointed by the Commandant and approved by the BOT.

The position of Commandant will have a term limit of two consecutive years. There must be at least a one year break between term limits. There is no limit to the number of terms an individual may hold this position. In the unusual occurrence of no nominee to stand for the position of Commandant, the person in the position will remain as Commandant until there is a nominee and election per Robert's Rules.

ARTICLE V - Resignation, Death or Impeachment of an Officer:

If the Commandant is unable to fulfill his or her duties the Senior Vice Commandant will take over the duties of Commandant until new elections can be held. In the case of the other elected officers, the Commandant can appoint a member to fill in the vacant position until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy. If it is near the time for the annual election process the appointee could fill the vacancy until that time when annual elections are held. For appointed officer positions the Commandant can appoint another member to fill the vacant position.

Impeachment proceedings of an elected officer can be initiated for such things as repeated absence, incompetence, violation of oath of office or other action deleterious to the conduct of business of the Detachment, or the financial and legal responsibilities of the Detachment. The impeachments proceedings should be initiated by the BOT or can be brought to the BOT by a motion from the membership. The vote for removal from office by the BOT shall require a vote of two thirds of the "Board Members". The impeachment motion then will require a two thirds vote of the member in attendance. The position of the exiting staff member will be filled in the manner prescribed above.

Any removal from office for incompetence, violation of oath of office or any action by an elected officer that is deleterious to the conduct of business or financial and legal responsibilities must be processed in accordance with Chapter 9 of the National By-Laws. (Admin Procedures). ⑨

ARTICLE VI - Meetings and Conduct of Business:

Regular membership meetings are to be held monthly on a day and time set and agreed to by the membership. Quorums for regular and special meetings will be set at no less than five members to include at least one elected member. Special meetings may be called by the Commandant or BOT with seven days advance notice to the general membership.

BOT meetings are held at the call of the Commandant but it is recommended that they be held no less than quarterly. A quorum for all Board meetings will be set at no less than 5 of the members listed in the second paragraph of Article III above.

All meetings will follow the guidelines as established by the National organization. Although strict compliance to *Roberts Rules of Order* is not required, these standards will provide guidance for the orderly conduct of business. Good order and discipline is important to the conduct of the Detachment meetings and when discussion or debate gets too emotional or in some cases heated, the Commandant should call for an end to the discussion by calling for a vote, table or refer to committee the issue at hand. If members then continue debate/discuss they may be removed by the Sergeant-at Arms. Proper language and behavior is expected of all members at all meetings and gatherings of the Marine Corps League.

At no time will the use of alcoholic beverages be allowed during a regular meeting. In the event business is conducted at a social event, the Sergeant-at-Arms will satisfy himself and report to the Commandant that all present are in full capacity to conduct business.

ARTICLE VII - Committees:

Standing committees will be Membership, Programs, and Fundraising. The Commandant will have the authority to establish any special or ad hoc committee to accomplish a temporary mission. The special committee will have specific duties assigned with a temporary chair and a defined term of duration.

ARTICLE VIII - Fiscal and Finance:

All Detachment funds will be handled as prescribed in higher directive and as a minimum will be deposited in an account of a recognized banking institution under the name of the Air, Land NC Detachment of the MCL. The detachment will operate on an annually budget approved by the general membership during the April general meeting each year or earlier. The approved annual budget will take effect July 1st of each year. All financial disbursements to higher Marine Corps League headquarters will be at the discretion of the Detachment Paymaster. A financial report, to include latest expenditures and funds on hand will be given to the membership at each meeting. An annual audit of the Detachment account will be accomplished prior to the December monthly meeting. An audit committee will be appointed by the Commandant consisting of not less than three members who are not involved with handling of Detachment funds. An emergency fund of \$100.00 will be authorized for emergency use by the Commandant.

Dues: The membership will establish the rate of annual dues prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Fund raising: All funds raised for a specific charity or specific purpose can only be used for that specific charity or specific purpose and not used for operational or recreational purposes.

ARTICLES IX - Uniforms:

The Detachment encourages the members to obtain regulation Marine Corps League uniforms, but it is not a condition of membership. The minimum uniform of the "League" and our Detachment is the fore and aft cover. Uniforms are described in the "Guidebook for Detachment Officers" and the "National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures" and will be worn in accordance with these publications. The Detachment has copies of these documents and they are available for any member to review. The uniform requirements should be a topic for training within the Detachment on a periodic basis to insure that all members are familiar with various uniforms. All new members will be given a

handout describing the uniforms and requirements for their wear by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will also insure compliance with the uniform regulations.

ARTICLES X - Amendments:

These Bylaws may be changed by the Detachment by amending its contents. Any member can propose an amendment by initiating a motion for a change or addition(s) to the bylaws. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the BOT for relevance, legality, wording and compliance with the National Bylaws. Once the BOT has reviewed and approved the proposed amendment it will be brought before the general membership for approval. A discussion of the amendment should take place before a vote is taken. The discussion should consider the need for and the wording of the amendment. Approval of an amendment requires a simple majority of the members present. This approval or disapproval can be taken by a show of hands vote.

Any amendments to these by-laws must be forwarded to the Department Judge Advocate for review and approval prior to implementation.

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Air, Land NC Detachment #1257
Marine Corps League

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The below persons signify that these amended By-Laws were reviewed and

Approved by

A vote of the membership of the Air, Land NC Detachment #1257,
Marine Corps League,

On this eight Day of April 2008.

JW Goodrow 4/8/08
Commandant Date
Joseph W. Goodrow

R.A. O'Neill 4/15/08
Judge Advocate Date
Raymond A. O'Neill

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