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Subject: Recommended Bylaw Change Section 600 Membership Eligibility

SECTION 600 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

(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 earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; * or who have served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; 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; and U. S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines; **and Gold Star Parents of Marines & FMF Corpsman**; 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 600(a) 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 Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.*

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"and Gold Star Parents of Marines & FMF Corpsman"

Rationale

Gold Star Parents of Marines & FMF Corpsman should have the honor of regular membership. many of these parents are in our local detachments as associate members, but the sacrifice of their sons or daughters earn them the privilege to be regular members.

Semper Fidelis!


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