



First State Detachment



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Marine Corps League

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To: National Adjutant/Paymaster

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Subject: Proposed Changes to National Bylaws / Administrative Procedures – Enclosure 3, Medals and Ribbons (paragraph I.C., II.A.&C.), Casual Uniform- Red Blazer (Enclosure (3)-10)

In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article Eight, Section (a) the following is submitted for consideration by the Registered Delegates assembled at the 2018 National Marine Corps League Convention.

I. MEDALS and RIBBONS

C. Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn ONLY with the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM, either on the Evening Dress Jacket, or on the MCL Red Blazer when worn as the optional jacket for the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM.

Recommended Changes

I. MEDALS and RIBBONS

C. Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn on CASUAL UNIFORM – Red Blazer or the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM.

II. WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

A. Miniature medals may be worn on the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM ONLY.

Recommended Changes

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A. Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn on CASUAL UNIFORM – Red Blazer or the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM.

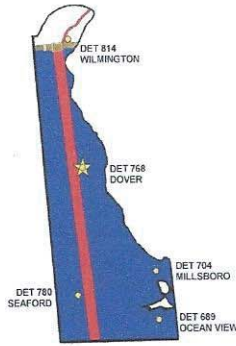
II. WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

C. The following applies only if wearing the Red Blazer as an optional jacket for the Formal Dress Uniform.

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Recommended Changes

II. WEARING OF MINIATURE MEDALS

C. The following applies whether wearing the Red Blazer as Casual Uniform or Formal Dress Uniform.

Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn on CASUAL UNIFORM – Red Blazer or the FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM.

Enclosure (3)-10

CASUAL UNIFORM – RED BLAZER

One, two or three large (standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the Marine Corps League Red Blazer Uniform.

Medals must be mounted on a single ribbon bar (Paragraph IIIa.)

Recommended Changes

Enclosure (3)-10

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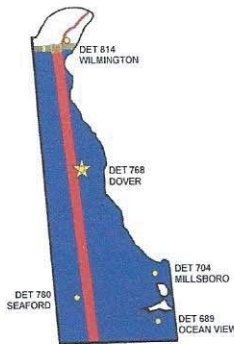
One, two or three large (standard) Marine Corps League medals or Department of Defense medals may be worn centered over the left breast pocket of the Marine Corps League Red Blazer Uniform.

Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn on the left lapel of the Red Blazer with the medals placed evenly between the left lapel notch and the top edge of the breast pocket and one (1) inch out from the edge of the inside of the left lapel. In those instances where regulation size holding bar/bars cannot be accommodated on the lapel, medals may be extended beyond the edge of the lapel to the left breast of the Red Blazer. Additional holding bars on the Red Blazer shall be placed under the top row in such a manner that the medallions of the upper row are in line immediately above the medallions of the succeeding row, unless medals count is uneven.

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Rationale:

Members should be allowed to wear their Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals on the CASUAL UNIFORM – Red Blazer, just like they are allowed to wear their awarded DOD and MCL Ribbons on the Undress Uniform.

Many members have questioned why they cannot wear all of their awarded DOD Medals as Miniatures on the Casual Uniform – Red Blazer.

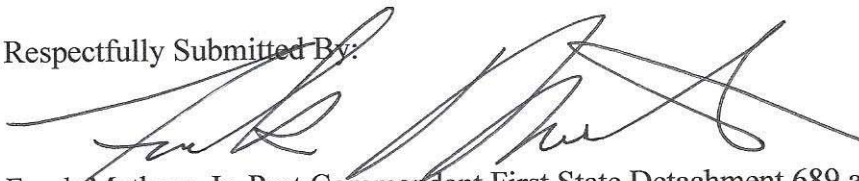
Many members cannot afford the required clothing as defined for the Formal Dress Uniform. The Formal Dress Uniform has a very limited wear factor as compared to the Casual Uniform.

The Casual Uniform- Red Blazer is the Uniform that society associates with the Marine Corps League, not the Formal Dress Uniform.

The Casual Uniform is worn by members to numerous National, Division, Department, Detachment functions, events, awards, ceremonies, parades, Marine Corps Ball, during the Toys for Tots Campaign, Veteran and Memorial Ceremonies, and Funeral Details.

These proposed changes was also briefly discussed during the 2016 Mideast Division Conference under Good of the League and were received positively by those in attendance.

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