

# **Marine Corps League**

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**To: National Chief Operating Officer, National Judge Advocate**

**Subj: Proposed Bylaw Change**

**In accordance with National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at National Convention.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MANUAL OR NATIONAL BYLAWS – PLACE HERE THE SECTION YOU WANT TO CHANGE**

**Current SPECIFIC sub-paragraph reads:**

**Shoulder patches are worn on the undress uniform white aviator shirt, short sleeve, and the female white USMC style shirt only.**

- c. At the wearer's choice: if a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MODD patch may be worn in place of the United States Flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below shoulder seam.**

**Change the specific paragraph to read as follows:  
(Delete entire paragraph C)**

**RAIONALE:**

**The American flag is a symbol of devotion, patriotism, and love of country.**

**This is understood and followed in practice and protocol. The flag is given a prominent place, rises above all others, and is placed on the right on a flag line. It's treatment supersedes all other non-religious symbols.**

**Current active duty personnel wear American flag patches proudly on the sleeves of their field uniforms today. This being a symbol, the the post World Trade Center era sending a strong message of love and commitment to the nation, as well as willingness to sacrifice ones life.**

**The current practice in the By-Laws of Marine Corps League allows for sleeve patches worn by the Military Order of Devil Dogs to replace the American flag patch.**

**This treatment may be inadvertently interpreted by some as giving the American flag a less prominent role in a veterans' organization. Even if the original intention was not deliberate, it can be seen as disrespect of the flag.**

**Every Marine would take issue if that was the case.**

**Respectfully,**