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Subject: 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 the National Convention.

National Bylaws Enclosure Three (3) Section X. Medallions CH 13-07

Current: The Medal and Ribbon presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains or the National, Division, Department or Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion may be worn with CASUAL or FORMAL Uniform (male and female) in lieu of the Military Order of Devil Dog Collar at the option of the awardee. Only one of these devices, medallions or collar, maybe worn at any time.

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Rational: There are many Marines in who were awarded the "Marine of The Year" Medallion. They are proud to have been honored with this special award because it was awarded to them by a unanimous vote of their peers in recognition of their service and commitment to the detachment and the Marine Corps League. Some of these awardees are retired and are living on a small fixed income and cannot afford the high cost of purchasing the required casual (Red Blazer) or formal uniform. Many of them do have the undress uniform and serve as officers in their respective detachments. A Marine may only receive this special recognition from his/her detachment, department or national once in his/her lifetime. It should be appropriate for the awardee to have the option of wearing this award on the casual, formal and **undress** uniform as is the case for the MODD Collar. It is also important to note that the MOY Medallion is **awarded** to a Marine by their peers, while the MODD Collar is given to every member that joins the MODD. Therefore, it seems appropriate that the awardee should be given the same opportunity as any member of the MODD in regard to receiving recognition from his/her peers for being the recipient of this special award. Unfortunately, many recipients in my detachment, as well as other detachments, have put it away somewhere collecting dust because they do not

have a casual or formal uniform on which to properly display their MOY Medallion. By amending this by-law, it could promote and encourage other MCL members to strive to be awarded the MOY, thus benefiting their detachment, department and national through their efforts and hard work that could increase membership and participation.