

Marine Corps League

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Subject: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

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.

## **CURRENT BYLAWS**

### **IV SHOULDER PATCHES**

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

**A.The Marine Corps League patch will be worn on the LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.**

**B.The United States Flag patch ( 2"x 3" ) will be worn on the RIGHT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States Flag patch will have a WHITE border, and will have a field of BLUE to the right and the wearer's front.**

**C.At the wearer's choice; if a member is 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.**

**D.No Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform.**

## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

### IV SHOULDER PATCHES

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

- A. The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.
- B. The United States Flag patch ( 2"x 3" ) will be worn on the RIGHT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States Flag patch will have a WHITE border, and will have a field of BLUE to the right and to the wearer's front.
- C. At the wearer's choice; if a member is 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.
- D. No Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform.
- E. A member of the MCL Honor Guard and only the Honor Guard member is authorized to wear a HONOR GUARD patch. The HG patch to be worn on LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below shoulder seam. MCL patch to be worn below, centered and just touching HG patch as shown in attachment below.



**RATIONALE:**

**JUSTIFICATION of ARTICLE E.**

E. Honor Guard members are now authorized to wear a HG ribbon. The ribbon signifies the HG member has preformed many ceremonial functions for the MCL; parades..Flag presentations..Rifle salutes..Funerals..etc. But a ribbon is not enough recognition for the important role the HG member plays in carrying out ceremonial functions. A Honor Guard patch worn by a HG member is the answer in making the HG member recognizable to MCL members and the American public, much in the same way the MODD patch does for MODD members. It has taken 'National' for too long realizing the importance of the HG in regards to the MCL. The authorization of the HG ribbon started the mission process; now 'National' must finish the mission and authorize a Honor Guard patch.

Respectfully,

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