

Marine Corps League

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Subject: Proposed Repeal

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 REPEAL and REPLACEMENT:

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C. A member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs ( a subsidiary organization of the MCL ) is not allowed nor authorized to replace the United States Flag patch with their respected MODD patch. ONLY THE UNITED STATES FLAG PATCH IS AUTHORIZED TO BE WORN ON RIGHT SLEEVE; CENTERED 1-1/2" BELOW SHOULDER SEAM; AS THE PRESCRIBED MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNDRESS UNIFORM.

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

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REPEAL and REPLACEMENT:

Until the year 1987, only the United States Flag patch was worn on the right sleeve of the MCL Undress Uniform. After 1987, MCL Uniform Code: Shoulder Patches IV Article C. authorized MODD members the option to replace the United States Flag patch with a MODD patch. As every Marine and patriotic American knows "nothing replaces the American Flag" or in this case the American Flag patch. Only rationale reason for MODD members wanting a MODD patch replacing the United States Flag patch was for 'recognition'; belonging to the Military Order of Devil Dogs. The MODD already has a MODD patch on the MCL cover and ribbons and neckwear; thus enough MODD identity. There is no justification replacing the United States patch as stated above. Repeal current MCL Uniform Code: Shoulder Patches IV Article C. and replace with my proposed MCL Uniform Code: Shoulder Patches IV Article C.

Respectfully,

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