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Memorandum

Date: 20 March 2019
To: Bob Borke – National Chief Operating Officer
From: William Miller – Department of Georgia Judge Advocate
Subject: Proposed Bylaws Change, National, MCL

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1100, National Bylaws, the following proposed change and rationale therefore is submitted for consideration at the 2019 National Convention:

ARTICLE IX – Departments, Section 920 – Detachment Officers, Paragraph f. – Term Limits

Currently reads:

- f. **Term Limits.** Each elected officer shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for additional terms as provided in the Detachment Bylaws. Appointed officers shall serve a term that expires when the next election occurs and may be appointed to additional terms.

Change to read:

- f. **Term Limits.** Each elected officer shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for additional terms as provided in the Detachment Bylaws. Appointed officers shall serve a term that expires when the installation after the annual election occurs and may be appointed to additional terms.

Rationale:

The current language of this section, when compared with Article IX, Section 940, Paragraph A, means that if a Detachment opts to hold their installation of officers after the annual election but no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election, they could potentially have appointed officer positions vacant for a period of time up to two months. By changing “when the next election occurs” to read “when the installation after the annual election occurs” this allows the slate of appointed officers to remain in place until the new Detachment Board of Trustees is sworn in and can take action on the new slate of appointed officers.