



To: The National Chief Operating Officer (COO)

From: Roy A. Thacker

Subject: Proposed addition to 2018 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CHAPTER TWO National Convention

In accordance with Article XI Section of the National Bylaws Amendments, the following addition is proposed & Revised:

Section 2017. Electronic Transmission of Conventions and Conferences:

- a. **Effective Date: On or before January 1, 2021, Appropriate portions of the National Convention and appropriate portions of all National Conferences shall be “Live Streamed” by the way of the internet or other electronic means at National’s website. National has the option to post a copy of these transmissions at its website. There shall be no charge to the League’s Members for this service.**
- b. **Effective Date: On or before January 1, 2022, Appropriate portions of the Division Convention and appropriate portions of all Division Conferences shall be “live streamed” by the way of the internet or other electronic means at the Division’s website. Each Division has the option to post a copy of these transmissions at its website. There shall be no charge to the League’s Members for this service.**
- c. **Effective Date: On or before January 1, 2023, Appropriate portions of the Department’s Convention and appropriate portions of all Department Conferences shall be “live streamed” by the way of the internet or other electronic means at the Department’s website. Each Department has the option to post a copy of these transmissions at its website. There shall be no charge to the League’s Members for this service.**
- d. **On or before the effective dates noted above in sections a, b and c, the three levels of the Marine Corps League shall post their own “Members Only” box on their website. Their own electronic transmissions shall be posted and viewed in their “Members Only” box. To enter the “Members Only” box, the member only needs to type in his/her name (the user name) as it appears on their membership card. The password word can simply be their membership number. The use of a “standard user” system should permit a League Member to view all posted transmissions.**

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Out of 65,000 Marine Corps League Members, less than 2,000 attend a National Convention each year. This represents about 3% of the League’s Membership. In “Colonial Times”, it took some delegates weeks to reach a National Convention site. Railroads reduced the travel time to days, and the jet plane reduced it to hours. Now electronic transmissions allows the other 97% of the members of the League to see a National Convention and other league conventions without leaving their homes. It also allows us to learn from each other by observing other’s conventions. By passing this addition to the bylaws, it permits the league to keep up with the advance in electronic (5G) technology.