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Subject: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORM CHANGE PROPOSAL

Reference: UNIFORM CODE-MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

ENCLOSURE THREE (3) REVISED AND RE-FORMATTED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SCOTTSDALE -
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Section IV SHOULDER PATCHES

1. Current regulation language

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 seem. The United States Flag patch will have a WHITE border and will have a field of BLUE to the right (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 MOOD patch may be worn in place of the United States Flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.

D. NO Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League uniform.

2. **CHANGE RECOMMENDATION:**

Move the American flag from the right sleeve of the undress uniform white aviator shirt, (short and long sleeved) to the left sleeve. This change will ensure our nations flag is displayed on the Marine Corps League uniform in all instances.

3. Proposed rewrite/change to uniform regulations

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 United States Flag patch (2" x 3") will be worn on the LEFT 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 Left (to the wearer's front).

B. The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the LEFT sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1" below the American Flag.

C. Members of the Military Order of Devil Dogs will wear the MOOD patch on the right sleeve centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.

D. NO Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League uniform.

4. Rationale to support the change proposal:

Primary justification

1. Current uniform regulations enable a non-standard uniform appearance across the full membership of the organization.
2. The Leagues Honor Society, members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs replace the American Flag with the MOOD patch ultimately removing the symbol of our nation from their uniform.
3. Placing the American Flag on the left sleeve will ensure the flag is present for all members throughout their membership.

Secondary justification

1. When/if a member becomes a Military Order of The Devil Dog, he/she will have to make no changes to the uniform other than to add/display their MOOD patch on the right sleeve.
2. Placing the American flag on the left sleeve will also depict the flag in its actual appearance and orientation.
3. The American flag and the Marine Corps League/MCL Associate patch will easily fit on a single sleeve whereas the American Flag and MOOD patch will either not fit on the uniform or be too crowded if worn on a single sleeve.

Respectfully submitted,

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