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Subj: Proposed National Administrative Procedures Amendment – CHAPTER SEVEN, Section 7060

In accordance with the National Administrative Procedures Chapter Ten, Section 10020, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2021 National Convention.

CURRENT: CHAPTER SEVEN

Section 7060. Dual Membership. (Membership in more than one Detachment by the same individual). When a member of the Marine Corps League becomes a regular member in good standing in more than one detachment, such membership in the subsequent detachments shall be counted for voting strength at department and national conventions only as an associate member. Such regular member shall be a regular voting member in the detachment of such member's greatest tenure unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights to the receiving detachment, which upon acceptance shall forward the copies of the transfer of voting rights to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster if a department exists. The Transfer Form, Enclosure Seven, will be utilized for the purpose of transfer of voting rights to another detachment.

PROPOSED CHANGE: CHAPTER SEVEN

Section 7060. Dual Membership. A member of the Marine Corps League becomes a dual member in good standing in more than one detachment upon submission of the *Request for Transfer* form, with Section 4 completed, and acceptance by both detachments. The form is then submitted to the National Headquarters office via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster if a department exists. Such dual membership

a. shall be counted for voting strength at Department and National Conventions only as an associate member unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights to the one of the member's dual-membership detachments.

(1) Upon acceptance by both detachments concerned, copies of the transfer of voting rights shall be submitted to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster if a department exists.

(2) The Transfer Form, Enclosure Seven, will be utilized for the purpose of transfer of voting rights to another detachment. Being accepted into a detachment as a dual member does not transfer voting rights unless Section 4 of the Transfer Form has been completed.

b. members upon acceptance, shall be regular voting members, thus permitting them to be elected

or appointed to positions in all their detachments and departments concurrently unless stated differently in the detachment or department bylaws.

CHANGE RATIONALE:

1. As Section 7060 now reads, a member attending each regular monthly detachment meeting because of nonconflicting meeting dates, has no greatest (or least) tenure. This leads to ambiguity and detachments can interpret Section 7060 either way, permitting a dual member being allowed to be a regular voting member on one detachment but not the another. Removing ‘greatest tenure’ as a qualifier removes ambiguity.
 2. Section 7060.a. addresses the issue of voting rights at the National and Department Conventions and Section 7060.b. makes allowances for detachments wanting to utilize the talents and ability of dual members.
 3. Many dual members have the time and dedication to be active in multiple detachments and departments. Some are officers in several detachments if the detachments read 7060 one way, and if read differently in another detachment that would be disallowed.
 4. Good elected and appointed officers can, and do in many cases, perform the job in multiple detachments without conflict.
 5. Changes to the wording in Section 7060 does not restrict or enhance the dual member’s current rights, does eliminate ambiguity, and clarifies the ability of detachments and departments to utilize the talents of dual members in elected and appointed positions.
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Respectfully Submitted,

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