



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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From: Glen Barry Evans, PDC
 To: National COO
 Subj: Proposed Amendment to the National Bylaws

In accordance with CHAPTER TEN, SECTION 10020 of the National Administrative Procedures, the following amendment is proposed.

Add new SECTION 7075 of CHAPTER SEVEN of the National Administrative Procedures as follows:

Section 7075. Membership Cards. Membership Cards will be issued to all Marine Corps League Members according to the following:

- a. For Annual Members in all categories, a Membership Card will be issued upon the initial acceptance of their Membership Application and each year upon the renewal of their Dues. The Annual Membership Cards shall be of either paper or plastic material and shall include the Member's name, the home Detachment, Membership Number and their Expiration Date (or Expiration Year), and any other information or design deemed necessary or desirable by the National Headquarters.
- b. For Life Members in all categories, the paper or plastic card shall include the same information, except that the Paid Life Member Number shall be included in lieu of the Expiration Date.
- c. The paper or plastic cards shall be mailed directly to the Member. If a card is returned to the National Headquarters marked as Undeliverable, it shall be sent to the Detachment Paymaster along with an Invoice for an Administrative Penalty of \$5.00 for each card so returned.
- d. A metal Membership Card shall be created for new Paid Life Member upon their receiving that status. This card shall include the same information as the paper or plastic card, and shall be mailed to the Detachment Paymaster for presentation at a Detachment Meeting or other appropriate Detachment Event.

RATIONALE: The Rationale for this Amendment comes in two parts.

1. The Expiration Date is the most significant problem. I will always know when all of my Detachments' Members' Dues will expire, but I have found out that all of my Detachments' Members do not know when their own Dues expire. If the expiration is on the Card, it will make that issue much easier to deal with. Also, if it is on the Card, it will reflect what is in the Data Base. More than once, I have had the Receipt copy of the Dues Transmittal returned as completed, but have one of several Members not processed.
2. I do go back a good ways as a Paymaster, and I worked closely with our previous Paymaster while I was Commandant. Sending Cards and Notices to the Paymaster compounded the problems an unpaid volunteer had to deal with, and it never really "worked well." I believe that the addition of an Administrative Penalty will cause the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster both to pay closer attention to the contents of the Data Base.

Semper Fidelis,

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