

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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From: Melvyn Meszaros  
To: National Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka

In accordance with National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and Uniform Code - MCL Enclosure Three (3) IV Shoulder Patches Article C

**CURRENT BYLAW:** IV SHOULDER PATCHES Shoulder patches are worn on the undress uniform white aviator shirt, short sleeve or long sleeve, and the female white USMC style shirt only.

C. At the wearer's choice; if a member is a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MODD patch may replace the United States of America Flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below shoulder sleeve.

**PROPOSE BYLAW** IV SHOULDER PATCHES ARTICLE C.BE REPEALED AND REMOVED ENTIRELY.

**Rational and Justification** for repealing and removing BYLAW IV SHOULDER PATCHES ARTICLE C.

The MCL has had the American Flag patch proudly displayed on their MCL prescribed uniform. That is until the 1987 MCL National Convention. A bylaw allowing MODD members to replace the American Flag patch with a MODD patch was proposed and passed without any rationality or justification. Along with direct disobedience to the USA Flag Code, which states nothing shall be worn in place of or take the place of the American Flag, it is only proper and fitting that ARTICLE C of IV SHOULDER PATCHES be REPEALED and removed in its entirety.

Poem "ODE to MODD" is attached to show no personal animosity toward the MODD.

Marine Corps Leaguers everywhere lend me your ears.

I come to praise the MODD not to disrespect.

The good done by the MODD is know world wide.

The issue with the MODD is very clear.

To wear a MODD patch to show you belong is fine; To replace the American flag patch is not.

A MODD patch on a MCL cover for everyone to see; is enough for MODD identity.

Add MODD ribbons and neckwear to a MCL uniform; and you have more than enough MODD identity.

At MODD meetings and events wear the MODD patch; that is fine.

At MCL meetings and events wear the American flag patch; all the time.

No bylaw or choice should there be;

Nothing replaces the American Flag.

Respectfully

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