



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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To: National Chief Operating Officer  
 From: Craig P. Reeling, Department of Maryland Past Commandant 2015-2017

Subj: **PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES  
 ENCLOSURE 4, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD MEDALLION**

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

Create an Associate Member of the Year Award Medallion & Ribbon at the National, Division, Department and Detachment levels. This change/addition would be for both the Medallion & Ribbon.

### **Current:**

#### **ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)**

##### **Order of Precedence (Ribbons)**

5. National Marine of the Year Ribbon – White
6. Division Marine of the Year Ribbon – Gold
7. Department Marine of the Year Ribbon – Scarlet and Gold
8. Detachment Marine of the Year Ribbon – Scarlet

### **Change & Addition to read as follows:**

#### **ENCLOSURE FOUR (4)**

##### **Order of Precedence (Ribbons)**

5. National Marine of the Year Ribbon or Associate Member of the Year – White
6. Division Marine of the Year Ribbon or Associate Member of the Year – Gold
7. Department Marine of the Year Ribbon or Associate Member of the Year – Scarlet and Gold
8. Detachment Marine of the Year Ribbon or Associate Member of the Year – Scarlet

### **ADD (AFTER #5 and renumber the other awards):**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF MEDALS, RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND WHO MAY AUTHORIZE**

##### **6. National, Division, Department, and Detachment Associate Member of the Year Medallion**

The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of an "Associate Member of the Year" medallion for National, Division, Department and Detachments. This medallion will be worn around the neck suspended by the appropriate color ribbon depending on the level of the award. Award submissions shall be routed to the appropriate level Commandant, unless specific guidelines are established at National, Division, Department or Detachment. Award nominations should be written in the same format as a Marine of the Year Nomination.

- A. National Medallion: Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion  
 Medallion Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge  
 Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge with "A" device  
 Awarded By: National Commandant

- B. Division Medallion: Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion  
Medallion Ribbon: Gold  
Ribbon: Gold with "A" device  
Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant
- C. Department Medallion: Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion  
Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold  
Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold with "A" device  
Awarded By: Department Commandant
- D. Detachment Medallion: Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion  
Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet  
Ribbon: Scarlet with "A" device  
Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

The Associate Member of the Year Medallion is authorized for wear with the Casual and Formal Uniform only as set forth in enclosure three (3) of these bylaws. While wearing the Marine of the Year medallion no other medal or devices shall also be suspended from the neck. No pins or other devices shall be attached to the suspension ribbon. In the event the person authorized to wear the Marine of the Year Award has been selected at more than one level for such an honor, the senior medallion and suspension ribbon will be worn.

**Rationale:**

There are currently Associate Member of the Year awards being presented at the Detachment, Department and Division levels. This would allow for official recognition. The creation of a medallion and a ribbon with the "A" device would allow the Associate of the Year to properly display their award on MCL uniforms.

Using the current Marine of the Year ribbons and replacing the FMF Device (EGA) with the Bronze A Device would differentiate a Regular Member from an Associate while NOT creating another set of ribbons.

The Bronze "A" Device is commercially available and is currently used as the "Arctic Device" awarded by the U.S. Air Force.

Creating a new Associate of the Year Medallion using the same suspension ribbon but a smaller medallion would differentiate the Marine of the Year from the Associate Member of the Year.  
Marine of the Year = 2 inch medallion vs. Associate = 1½ inch medallion

Respectfully submitted.

Semper Fi,



Craig P. Reeling

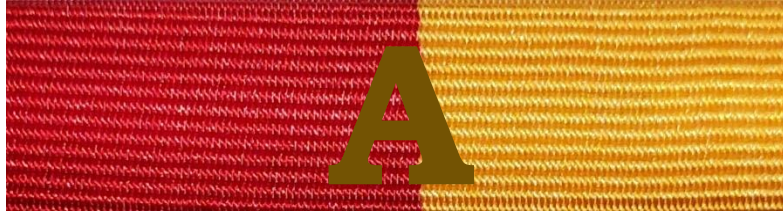
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Examples on page 3.

**Bronze A Device**



**Department Ribbon with A Device**



**Proposed - Associate Member of the Year Medallion**



Department  
Suspension Ribbon

1½ inch Medallion

