



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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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 RIBBON**

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 Ribbon at the National, Division, Department and Detachment levels. This change/addition would be for a RIBBON ONLY.

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 Ribbon

The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of an "Associate Member of the Year" award and ribbon for National, Division, Department and Detachments. 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 Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge with "A" device
 Awarded By: National Commandant
- B. Division Ribbon: Gold with "A" device
 Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant

- C. Department Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold with “A” device
Awarded By: Department Commandant
- D. Detachment Ribbon: Scarlet with “A” device
Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

The Associate Member of the Year Ribbon is authorized for wear with the Undress Uniform only as set forth in enclosure three (3) of these administrative procedures.

Rationale:

There are currently Associate Member of the Year awards being presented at the Detachment, Department and Division levels. This would allow official recognition. The creation of 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.

Bronze A Device



Department Ribbon with A Device



Respectfully submitted.

Semper Fi,

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