



# 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 CHANGE TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES  
 ENCLOSURE 3, VIII. LAPEL PINS**

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.

### **ENCLOSURE THREE (3), VIII. LAPEL PINS currently reads:**

The following lapel pins may be worn only on the Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket. The Past National Commandant Pin may be worn inboard with the National Marine of the Year outboard. National Marine of the Year may be worn inboard with a Past Department or Detachment Commandant Pin. (ONLY ONE PAST COMMANDANT PIN MAY BE WORN AT A TIME, WEARER'S CHOICE.) Kennel Devil Dog of the Year Pin may be worn outboard of the National Marine of the Year. The Chapel of Four Chaplains, MCL Membership, or Retired Marine or Retired Navy Lapel pins may also be worn. Although there are several types of MCL Membership pins (i.e. Past Commandant, Life Member, Five Year Membership, Ten Year Membership, etc.), only "ONE" MCL Membership pin should be worn. Ordained Ministers or Chaplains may wear a symbol of their religion of the size approved by DOD. Whatever pins are approved for wear **ONLY TWO (2) PINS MAY BE WORN AT ANYTIME, WEARER'S CHOICE.** Only ONE (1) miniature ribbon of the individual's choice may be worn above the lapel pins on the Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket, provided miniature medals are not worn on the Evening Dress Jacket.

### **APPROVED LAPEL PINS**

1. Past National Commandant Pin
2. National Marine of the Year Pin
3. Devil Dog of the Year Pin
4. Past Department or Past Detachment Commandant Pin
5. Chapel of Four Chaplains Pin
6. MCL Membership Pin
7. Retired Marine or Retired Navy Pin
8. Life Member Pin
9. Ordained Ministers or Chaplains Symbol Pin
10. United States Flag Pin (3/8" X 3/4" in size)
11. Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Pin

**NOTE:** There are many styles of most pins but only ONE (1) type may be worn at a time.  
**The Crossed Flag Pin (US & USMC) is NOT ALLOWED.**

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

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Pin may be worn outboard of the National Marine of the Year. The Chapel of Four Chaplains, MCL Membership, Retired Marine or Retired Navy Lapel pins, **Gold Star Lapel Pin or Next Of Kin Deceased Personnel pin** may also be worn. Although there are several types of MCL Membership pins (i.e. Past Commandant, Life Member, Five Year Membership, Ten Year Membership, etc.), only "ONE" MCL Membership pin should be worn. Ordained Ministers or Chaplains may wear a symbol of their religion of the size approved by DOD. Whatever pins are approved for wear **ONLY TWO (2) PINS MAY BE WORN AT ANYTIME, WEARER'S CHOICE**. Only ONE (1) miniature ribbon of the individual's choice may be worn above the lapel pins on the Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket, provided miniature medals are not worn on the Evening Dress Jacket.

**APPROVED LAPEL PINS** (ADD # 12 to approved list)

12. Gold Star Lapel Pin or Next Of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin

**Rationale:**

Members and Associate Members who are surviving family members of a loved one who died while serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces and qualify by law to wear either pin should be allowed to wear it on their Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket to memorialize their loved one.

Each of the two lapel pins have been authorized by an Act of Congress. The legal and military distinctions between the two are based on the place, time, and circumstances of the death, as well as the survivor's relationship to the deceased. For either pin, eligible family members include: widow, widower, mother, father, stepparent, parent through adoption, foster parent in loco parentis, son, daughter, stepchild, child by adoption, brother, sister, half brother, and half sister. No other family members are legally eligible to receive the pin.

Respectfully submitted.

Semper Fi,



Craig P. Reeling

Past Commandant - Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

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National Uniform Committee

Gold Star Pin



Next Of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin

