

**Motion for National Administrative Procedures Change**  
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**References:**

2019 National Administrative Procedures as amended through this date.

2019 National Bylaws as amended through this date.

**2019 National Administrative Procedures Section 7015. Membership.**

**Background for change**

A recent change to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, extended an Honorary Membership invitation to currently serving active-duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains who meet the service criteria for Regular Membership contained in National Bylaws 2019 Paragraph 515. The change at that time did not account for any currently serving active-duty personnel who wish to be involved with the League, yet do not qualify for Regular Membership due to not meeting the qualifications set forth in National Bylaws Section 515 a. (2) and (3).

**Objective of change**

That the League provide for an Active-Duty Honorary Associate Membership for individuals who qualify for no-cost membership by reason of serving on Active Duty, yet do not meet the qualifications of Regular Membership as stated in National Bylaws Section 515.

**Current Language:**

**2019 National Administrative Procedures Section 7015 Membership.**

a. **Honorary Active Duty Member.** Detachments, Departments, and the National Headquarters may, at the discretion of the respective Commandant, issue Honorary Membership to Active-Duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains, free of charge, for the entire tour of their active military duty. These Honorary Active-Duty Members will be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a Regular Member, except for receipt of the official printed publication but will be eligible to obtain a copy of the official publication online at no charge. In addition, members in this category will not be counted as an eligible voting delegate member in accordance with these Administrative Procedures, Chapter Two, Section 2025, nor will this category of membership be eligible to hold an elected office in the Marine Corps League.

**Proposed Language:**

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printed publication but will be eligible to obtain a copy of the official publication online at no charge. In addition, members in this category will not be counted as an eligible voting delegate member in accordance with these Administrative Procedures, Chapter Two, Section 2025, nor will this category of membership be eligible to hold an elected office in the Marine Corps League. **Individuals who meet the qualifications for Associate Membership as set forth in National Bylaws Section 515 b. may be offered Honorary Active-Duty Associate Membership, subject to the same limitations as Honorary Active-Duty Members as stated in this paragraph.**

**Discussion / Rationale:**

To widen our membership base with the Active Navy and Marine Corps, and to enable Detachments to recognize current active-duty individuals who are involved with the local detachment's programs, this proposed change extends the Honorary Active-Duty Membership invitation to those who (1) qualify for Associate Membership under the provisions of Bylaws Paragraph 515 b. and (2) who are serving on Active Duty.

An example is an Active-Duty sailor, not meeting the qualifications of Regular Membership in Bylaws Paragraph 515 a. (2) or (3), yet an active supporter of a detachment and participant in its activities. The effect of this change is that Active-Duty personnel who meet the qualifications for paid Associate Membership will receive their Associate membership in an Honorary Active-Duty (dues-free) category. They will enjoy the benefits of Associate membership with the restrictions already in section 7015 Paragraph a.

**Use case #1.** Active-duty Navy AB3, actively supports and participates in Detachment activities and events due to friendship with existing regular and associate members. This person is currently eligible for Associate membership. Under this change, this membership would be Honorary Active-Duty Associate (dues-free).

**Use case #2.** Active-Duty Medical Officer. Holds FMFQO qualification. This person is not currently qualified for regular membership under National Bylaws 2019 Section 515 (not a Corpsman) and so is qualified for Associate Membership. Under this change they qualify for Honorary Active-Duty Associate membership (dues-free). \*\* Note there is a related National Bylaws change proposal to address restrictive language in Section 515 which, if adopted, would qualify this person for Honorary Active-Duty Regular membership.

**Motion:** That proposed change be adopted by delegate vote at the 2021 National Convention