



# Marine Corps League

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**Associate Member of the Year**

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Subject: Proposed Bylaws Change, National, MCL

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1100, National Bylaw, the following proposed changes and rationale therefor is submitted for consideration at the 2021 National Convention:

## NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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### Rationale

The purpose of this amendment is to establish an awards system to recognize our Associate Members at their Detachment, Department Division and a National Associate of the Year award and Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Information Summary**

We have many Associate Members that help the Marine Corps League in different ways. They may be appointed or volunteer their countless hours of support for the good of the league. The purpose of this amendment is to establish an awards system. An Associate Member of the Year award will recognize our Associate Members at their Detachment, Department and Division. The National Associate Member of the Year award and establishing the National Associate Member of the Year Society will be the recognition at our National level.

The awards can use the same ribbons as the Marine of the Year, but an Associate **will not wear the Eagle Globe and Anchor**, but will place a Gold Star 5/16 on their ribbon.

The Associate Member of the Year **Medallion**, will use the same ribbon color that has been established as Marine of the Year. A **new Medallion designed will look the same as the starburst that is worn on their cover.**

A National Associate Member of the Year **Pin will be a rectangle shape with the year and Associate on pin.**

The National Associate Member of the Year will be chosen by the Marine of the Year society. Detachment, Department, Division awarded, noted in the bylaws same as the Marine of the year. An Associate Member of the Year Society will be established when a Minimum of (3) Associate Members has been established.

### **Rationale on Awards**

#### 1: 5/16 Gold Star

This Gold Star was approved and awarded by the D.O.D and is awarded to a person for Individual Meritorious Commendation, This is why we believe this Gold Star should be attached to an Associate Member of the Year ribbon who is deserving and is awarded this award.

#### 2: Shirt Ribbons and Collar Ribbons

A: The Marine of the Year ribbons and colors are widely recognized. Therefore we believe there is no reason to redesign new ribbons for Associate Member of the Year awards. The discerning element would be the placement of the gold star.

B: By trying to be responsible and using what is available at the National Ship Store, we are not incurring higher cost for the good of the League.

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**h. National Associate Member of the Year Society**

**(1) Composition**

- (a) The National Associate Member of the Year Society shall be comprised of all past recipients of the National Associate Member of the Year in attendance at the Annual Convention.
- (b) The National Marine of the Year Society will help in assisting the National Associate Member of the Year Society to assure adequate Society members.
- (c) The Society shall have no less than three (3) members.
- (d) Each member must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League.
- (e) The National Associate Member of the Year will be chosen by the Marine of the Year society. Detachment, Department, Division awarded, noted in the bylaws same as the Marine of the year. An Associate Member of the Year Society will be established when a Minimum of (3) Associate Members has been established.

**(2) Nominations.** A letter of nomination for the National Associate Member of the Year Award must be submitted in the following manner:

- (a) Letters of Nominations will only be accepted only from a Detachment.
- (b) All Letters of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant stating the nominee, for National Associate Member of the Year was approved by the detachment by a majority vote. (In the event the nominee is the Detachment Adjutant, the Letter of nomination shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant).
- (c) Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to: "President, National Associate Member of the Year Society."
- (d) Each Letter of Nomination, so addressed, shall then be placed in an envelope and mailed, Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested, to: President, National Associate Member of the Year Society, c/o Marine Corps League National Headquarters, at their address at that time, and post marked no later than 20 July, preceding the National Convention, at which the nominee is to be judged.
- (e) The Society will not accept any nominations which was not submitted and/or received at Marine Corps League National Headquarters as is stipulated herein. (see Enclosure Four(4))

**(3) Duties.** The National Associate Member of the Year Society shall:

- (a) The President of the National Associate Member of the Year Society shall receive all Letters of Nomination from the National Chief Operating Officer of the Marine Corps League, insuring they are all sealed. The letters shall remain sealed until the Society meets at the National Convention.
- (b) Judge each nominee received from the National Chief Operating Officer of the Marine Corps League
- (c) Attest by signature of each member of the Society present, that the nominee was

Judged

- (d) Return, to the National Chief Operating Officer of the Marine Corps League in its respective envelope and sealed, the resume of each nominee.

**(4) Responsibilities**

- (a) The National Associate Member of the Year Society is responsible for the following:
- (1) Presenting the Associate Member of the Year recipient at the closing banquet of the Convention.
  - (2) Presenting the Associate Member of the Year Award to the recipient at the next Mid-Winter Staff meeting subsequent to the National Convention
- (b) The Chief Operating Officer of the National Marine Corps League will assist the National Marine of the Year Society in the following Manner:
- (1) Accept all nominations which are submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section.
  - (2) When the nomination is received at the National Headquarters, the Chief Operating will ensure the following process will be followed:
    - Date received by Chief Operating Officer
    - Progressive number in order received
    - Initials of the Chief Operating Officer
  - (3) Deliver to the Society President at the National Convention all nominations which were received at National Headquarters. The Society will:
    - No less than five (5) lines on which the Society members shall attest by signature that the nomination was considered
    - Date the Committee returned the sealed envelope to the Chief Operating Officer
    - Date the Chief Operating Officer (by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested) returned the nomination to submitter
  - (4) Ordering and purchasing of the National Associate Member of the Year Award.
- (c) The National Associate Member of the Year Society shall meet annually during the National Convention and may meet during the National Board of Trustees' Mid-Winter Staff meeting if necessary.
- (1) No meeting of the National Associate Member of the Year Society shall be called during an open session of the Marine Corps League's National Convention or the National Board of Trustee's Mid-Winter Staff Meeting.
- (d) A member in good standing, as used in this section, shall mean a Associate member of the Marine Corps League who is in compliance with Article V of the Marine Corps League's National Bylaw

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## I. Honorary Past National Commandants

### 2019 National Administrative Procedures Section 8010 AP 8-1,2

#### Section 8010. Subsidiary Organizations.

The following are official subsidiary organizations of the Marine Corps League and must be an IRS Code 501(c)4 Non-Profit Organization under the Marine Corps League IRS Umbrella 0955.

#### ***Currently reads:***

e. The Past National Commandants Society. The Marine Corps League recognizes the Past National Commandants Society as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direction and control and discipline of the Marine Corps League.

#### ***Change, add text:***

**e. The Associate Member of the Year Society. The Marine Corps League recognizes the Associate Member of the Year Society as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direction and control and discipline of the Marine Corps League.**

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**f. The Past National Commandants Society. The Marine Corps League recognizes the Past National Commandants Society as an official subordinate group of the Marine Corps League which shall ever be subject to the authority, supervision, direction and control and discipline of the Marine Corps League.**

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**Currently reads:**

**VIII. LAPEL PINS**

The metallic embroidered Marine Corps League Crest has clutch pins on the reverse and pins directly to the Red Blazer pocket, or may be worn on a plastic pocket sleeve, either glued or pinned to the plastic sleeve. The commercially sold pocket crest, with Marine Corps Emblem, Marine Corps League Seal permanently set into the plastic sleeve or embroidered Marine Corps League crest that is permanently embroidered on the pocket of the Red Blazer itself, may also be worn as optional wear. The following lapel pins maybe 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 MCLMembership 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) may be worn at a time. The Crossed Flag Pin (US & USMC) is NOT ALLOWED.



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**Change, add: #4 National Associate Member of the Year Pin**  
**Renumber 5-12**

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3. Devil Dog of the Year Pin
- 4. National Associate Member of the Year Pin**
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### **X. MEDALLIONS**

#### ***Currently reads:***

The Marine of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the RED BLAZER CASUAL UNIFORM, RED BLAZER FORMAL UNIFORM, THE EVENING DRESS UNIFORM, OR THE UNDRRESS UNIFORMS (MALE AND FEMALE). Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)

#### ***Change, add text: or Associate Member of the Year***

The Marine of the Year **or Associate Member of the Year** (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; the Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the RED BLAZER CASUAL UNIFORM, RED BLAZER FORMAL UNIFORM, THE EVENING DRESS UNIFORM, OR THE UNDRRESS UNIFORMS (MALE AND FEMALE). Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)

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### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS UNIFORM**

#### **Currently reads:**

The Uniform Code for both male and female applies to all ASSOCIATE MEMBERS with the following exceptions:

The Associate member is to wear the Marine Corps League sunburst insignia in lieu of the Marine Corps Emblem on their cover. The 1/2" x 1/2" gold MCL insignia will be worn on the shirt collars.

The Marine Corps League Associate shoulder patch will be worn in lieu of the standard Marine Corps League shoulder patch. (Paragraph IV A.)

Flag patch, on right shoulder, may be worn (Paragraph IV B.)

No Blazer Crest / Bullion seal will be worn unless one is designed and approved by a National Convention.

- Marine Corps Dress Blue Trousers may be worn, but without the NCO Red Stripe.

#### **CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS**

NOTE: There is not a unique Ceremonial Uniform following action at the 2009 National Convention. Whenever Ceremonial Functions are performed, the Uniform will be the UNDRRESS UNIFORM (either Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve) or the CASUAL UNIFORM as determined by the jurisdictional Commandant, and weather conditions

#### **Change, add text:**

**The Associate Member of the Year (National, Division, Department or Detachment) Medallion and Ribbon; Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer.**

**NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)**

**White blouse, long or short sleeve plain collar (no button-down collars and no MCL insignias on the collar.)**

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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS**

**Currently reads:**

Order of Precedence (Ribbons)

1. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Ribbon
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
9. National Recruiter - Gold
10. National Recruiter - Silver
11. National Recruiter - Bronze
12. Past National Commandants Ribbon
13. National Staff Ribbon Elected
- 14-
59. State Commendation Ribbon (individual States' award) (NON-MCL)

**Change, to read:**

1. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Ribbon
5. National Marine of the Year Ribbon White
- 6. National Associate of the Year Ribbon White**
7. Division Marine of the Year Ribbon - Gold
- 8. Division Associate of the Year Ribbon - Gold**
9. Department Marine of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet and Gold
- 10. Department Associate of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet and Gold**
11. Detachment Marine of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet
- 12. Detachment Associate of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet**
13. National Recruiter - Gold
14. National Recruiter - Silver
15. National Recruiter - Bronze
16. Past National Commandants Ribbon
17. National Staff Ribbon Elected

18-

63. State Commendation Ribbon (individual States' award) (NON-MCL

## **2019 Administrative Procedures – Enclosure (4) - 4**

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

#### **Currently reads:**

##### 1. National Marine of the Year Ribbon

The National Marine of the Year Ribbon is to be worn around the neck (White with Gold Stripe 1/8" Gold stripe along inside and outside edge of ribbon. Medallion will remain the same. The ribbon is to be 2 inches wide. This medal and ribbon should be number five in order of precedence.

##### 2a. Distinguished Citizen Medal-Gold(Old)

Medal: Gold Ribbon: Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Gold Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue

#### **Change ,add text:**

##### 1. National Marine of the Year Ribbon

The National Marine of the Year Ribbon is to be worn around the neck (White with Gold Stripe 1/8" Gold stripe along inside and outside edge of ribbon. Medallion will remain the same. The ribbon is to be 2 inches wide. This medal and ribbon should be number five order of precedence.

##### **1a. National Associate Member of the Year Ribbon**

**The National Associate Member of the Year Ribbon is to be worn around the neck (White with Gold Stripe 1/8" Gold stripe along inside and outside edge of ribbon. Medallion will remain the same. The ribbon is to be 2 inches wide. This medal and ribbon should be number six in order of precedence.**

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Medal: Gold Ribbon: Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Gold Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue

## **2019 Administrative Procedures – Enclosure (4) - 5,6**

### **Currently reads:**

#### **5. National, Division, Department, and Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion**

The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of a "Marine of the Year" medallion for National, Division, Department and Detachments only. This medallion will be worn around the neck suspended by the appropriate color ribbon depending on the level of the award.

A- National Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year Medallion

Medallion Ribbon: White

Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge with FMF Device

Awarded By: President, National Marine of the Year Society

B- Division Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Gold

Ribbon: Gold with FMF device

Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant

C- Department Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold

Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold with FMF device

Awarded By: Department Commandant

D - Detachment Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet

Ribbon: Scarlet with FMF device

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

The Marine 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

**Change, add text: and Associate Member of the year and Adjust Letter sequence.**

5. National, Division, Department, Detachment Marine of the Year **and Associate Member of the year** Medallion. The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of a "Marine of the Year **and 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.

A - National Medallion: Standard Marine of-the-Year Medallion

Medallion Ribbon: White

Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge with FMF Device

Awarded By: President, National Marine of the Year Society

**B - National Medallion: Standard Associate Member of the Year Medallion**

**Medallion Ribbon: White**

**Ribbon: White with narrow gold stripe on right and left edge with 5/16 Gold Star**

**Awarded By: President, National Marine of the Year Society or**

**President, Associate Member of the Year Society**

C - Division Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Gold

Ribbon: Gold with FMF device

Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant

**D - Division Medallion: Standard Associate of the Year Medallion**

**Medallion Ribbon: Gold Ribbon: Gold with 5/16 Gold Star**

**Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant**

E - Department Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold

Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold with FMF device

Awarded By: Department Commandant

**F - Department Medallion: Standard Associate of the Year Medallion**

**Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold**

**Ribbon: Scarlet and Gold with 5/16 Gold Star**

**Awarded By: Department Commandant**

G - Detachment Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year Medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet

Ribbon: Scarlet with FMF device

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

**H - Detachment Medallion: Standard Associate of the Year Medallion**

**Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet**  
**Ribbon: Scarlet with 5/16 Gold Star**  
**Awarded By: Detachment Commandant**  
**Change, add text: and Associate Member**

The Marine and **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.

### **2019 Administrative Procedures – Enclosure (4) - 8,9**

#### **Currently reads:**

26. National Marine of the Year

Gold pin in the shape of the United States. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society as the National Marine of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the Past National pin if so awarded.

27 Kennel Dog of the Year

28 Pack Dog of the Year

29 Pound Dog of the Year

30. Past Chief Devil Dog Medal

#### **Change, add text:**

**27. National Associate of the Year**

**Gold pin in the rectangle shape with the year and Associate. on pin. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society or Associate of the Year Society as the National Associate Member of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch.**

**Renumber 28-31**

**28. Kennel Dog of the Year**

**29 Pack Dog of the Year**

**30. Pound Dog of the Year**

**31. Past Chief Devil Dog Medal**



## 2019 Administrative Procedures – Enclosure (4) - 12

### CERTIFICATES

#### Currently reads:

#### **MARINE OF THE YEAR**

This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League.

Letters of Nomination for National Marine of the Year shall originate only at the Detachment level. No individual member of the Marine Corps League or any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment. The nominee shall be a regular member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination. Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has, been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety.

#### Change, add text:

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**This award shall be presented to an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. Letters of Nomination for National Associate of the Year shall originate only at the Detachment level. No individual member of the Marine Corps League or any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment. The nominee shall be an Associate Member of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination. Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of**

**the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has, been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety.**

## **2019 Administrative Procedures – Enclosure (4) - 15**

### **Currently reads:**

#### **NOTE 3**

National, Division, Department and Detachment "Marines of the Year" are eligible to wear the FMF device (Eagle, Globe & Anchor) signifying National, Division, Department and/or Detachment Marine of the Year. This device will be centered on the respective ribbon for each award. National Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the National Marine of the Year ribbon, Division Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Division Gold ribbon, Department Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Red and Gold ribbon, and Detachment Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Red ribbon. Prior and subsequent awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze, not necessarily Marine of the Year) will be worn with the proper stars affixed.

### **Change, add text:**

#### **Note 4**

**National, Division, Department and Detachment "Associate Member of the Year" are eligible to wear the 5/16 Gold Star signifying National, Division, Department and/or Detachment Marine of the Year. This device will be centered on the respective ribbon for each award. National Associate Member of the Year will wear it centered on the National Associate Member of the Year ribbon, Division Associate Member of the Year will wear it centered on the Division Gold ribbon, Department Associate Member of the Year will wear it centered on the Red and Gold ribbon, and Detachment Associate Member of the Year will wear it centered on the Red ribbon. Prior and subsequent awards (Gold, Silver, Bronze, not necessarily Associate Member of the Year) will be worn with the proper star affixed.**

### **Change, note to 5**

#### **NOTE 5**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**High Master (Pistol Only) Two 3/16 Gold Stars**

**Master One 3/16 Gold Star**

**Expert One 3/16**

**Sharpshooter one 3/16 Bronze Star**

**Marksmanship Class No Device**



# Marine Corps League

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Subject: Proposed Addendum to **1AP** for clarification of document

On page 2 the Summary page second paragraph and item 1  
To change **7/16** gold star to **5/16** gold star is the standard for a ribbon

3rd paragraph change Assoc. abbreviation on pin to **year and Associate on pin**

Paragraph **4** of summary page copy and insert into the text of clarification.  
on page 4, section **H**, [1] composition item [ e ] would read

The National Associate Member of the Year will be chosen by the Marine of the Year society. Detachment, Department, Division awarded, noted in the bylaws same as the Marine of the year. An Associate Member of the Year Society will be established when a Minimum of (3) Associate Members has been established.

On page **15** item **B, D, E**, exchange large to **5/16**

On page **16** item **H**, exchange large to **5/16**

On page **18** note **4**, exchange large to **5/16**

On page 16 #27 exchange Assoc . to Associate

The image of the Associate of the year Medallion provided, It is using the Marine Corps League membership medal with the starburst affixed upon it, hooked to Detachment Marine of the year ribbon. Also shows chest ribbon with 5/16 star affixed

Respectfully submitted,

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