



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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To: Chief Operating Officer, Marine Corps League
 From: PDC James Powell, Department of Pennsylvania
 Subject: Proposed Administrative Procedure Change

In accordance with **Section 10020. Amendments** of the **National Administrative Procedures** I am submitting the following change.

CURRENT:

Section 9105. Offences. The following offenses are recognized:

- a. Violation of oath of membership.
- b. Violation of oath of office.
- c. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Marine Corps League.
- d. Any action detrimental to the League.
- e. Conviction of any crime which constitutes a felony in a County, City, State, or Federal Court in the United States of America. A charge filed alleging a violation of any of the above offenses shall be processed in accordance with the procedures in Chapter Nine.

PROPOSED:

Section 9105. Offences. The following offenses are recognized:

- a. Violation of oath of membership.
- b. Violation of oath of office.
- c. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Marine Corps League.
- d. Any action detrimental to the League.
- e. Conviction of any crime where the victim is a child.
- f. Conviction of any crime which constitutes a felony in a County, City, State, or Federal Court in the United States of America.

A charge filed alleging a violation of any of the above offenses shall be processed in accordance with the procedures in Chapter Nine. Additionally, if a member is **indited and/or an information filed following a preliminary hearing** with a crime where the victim is a child as stated in 9105(e) or a felony as stated in 9105(f) the Jurisdictional or National Judge Advocate shall immediately suspend the member temporarily until such time as the charges are fully adjudicated.

RATIONAL:

This past couple of years we saw a charge against a League Member of one count of “annoying or molesting a child” which was a misdemeanor. As per Section 6030(a) of the Administrative Procedures, “No Detachment may accept for membership any person who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child”. Therefore adding 9105(e) would add this to the list of recognized Offences. Also, to proactively get ahead of any crime committed by a League Member the Jurisdictional or National Judge Advocate will have the authority to temporarily suspend that member until such charges are adjudicated in the Court System and/or the League.

Respectfully submitted,



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