



Marine Corps League

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To: Chief Operating Officer, Marine Corps League
Ref: CHAPTER TEN, SECTION 10020, National Administrative Procedures
Subj: Amendment of National Administrative Procedures

In accordance with the Reference, the below Amendment to the National Administrative Procedures is proposed.

Amend Chapter Seven, Section 7032 by deleting the current Sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph a. and replacing it with the new Sub-paragraph (1), and by adding certain additional text. All new text is in bold italics and highlighted. All text to be deleted is in red, lined out and grayed.

Section 7032. Not in Good Standing. Remaining as a member in good standing is what all activities of The League rely upon and paramount to the success of a detachment. All members shall be considered not in good standing in the Marine Corps League if they meet any of the criteria set forth in Section 7030 above. It is the members responsibility to pay their dues in a timely manner in order to remain as a member in good standing. It is the responsibility of the Commandant to inform the members that this procedure is in place and do everything possible to have all Members remain in Good Standing. It is desirous that any responsible elected or appointed officer submit their resignation to that office if they do not intend to remain a member in good standing.

a. Members not in good standing are subject to the restrictions defined the Detachments and Department's Bylaws, and unless stated therein otherwise:

~~(1) No longer have the right to participate in any detachment meeting of any Marine Corps League organization. At the discretion of the Commandant, they could be allowed to attend as a guest and thus be "authorized to attend" as stated by the Sergeant-at-Arms at the opening of every meeting.~~

(1) Members who are not in Good Standing, but who remain on the National Roster, may attend Meetings and participate in debate on the floor. However, a Member who is not in Good Standing may not vote on any issue before the body, or on Membership Applications, or during the Election of Officers.

(2) The Paymaster will provide a list of the members not in good standing to the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms will make note of Members who attend the meeting who are named on the list provided by the Paymaster **and will ensure that they do not participate in voting.**

(3) At the discretion of the Commandant or Presiding Officer of the meeting, when the Member provides full dues payment to the Paymaster prior to the meeting's opening, they become a Member in good standing.

b. Elected or appointed officers not in good standing shall relinquish their title. At the opening of the meeting, the Commandant or Presiding Officer shall announce after Chaplain's prayer before any other business transpires, that the elected or appointed office is now vacant. Furthermore, the Commandant or Presiding Officer:

(1) Shall announce that during this meeting a Member in Good Standing shall be appointed to fill that vacated office as prescribed in the Detachment's Bylaws and or Administrative Procedures, **normally for the remainder of the current term.**

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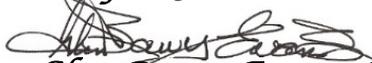
- (2) Shall authorize the Sergeant-at-Arms or Adjutant to acquire within ~~three (3)~~ **thirty (30)** days any and all books, records, and other property of the Detachment for which the office of being vacated. These items shall then be delivered to the newly appointed member to that vacated office. At the successful completion of the transfer of items, the Sergeant-at-Arms or Adjutant shall report to the Commandant at the next meeting of the organization when these actions took place.
- c. The Sgt-at-Arms, when reporting that all present are qualified to remain will add the number of members who cannot participate in any Detachment **voting**.
- d. If the member subsequently regains their Membership in Good Standing before being taken off the National rolls, they will have all their Member rights reinstated, but the Office previously held will not be automatically reinstated **since the appointed replacement is expected to remain for the duration of the current term**. ~~Detachment procedures for electing or appointing officers are then to be followed.~~
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Rationale: The idea that a Member of the Marine Corps League would be effectively barred from any and all participation in the Detachment is repugnant. Yes, I know that the Member should have paid their Dues on time, or even before they expired, but I also know from my 20+ years as a Paymaster that it just doesn't happen that way all the time. My main focus is the Marine Corps League, but I am also a Life Member of other Veteran's Groups.

A ban on having any participation with the Detachment could easily cause a Member, who might not be fully dedicated, to consider other venues.

For the record, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, provides that a Member who is delinquent but who remains on the organization's roster to retain their full rights as Members unless the organization's bylaws restrict some of those rights. But then again, this is not a bylaw; it is an Administrative Procedure. Hum?

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