

Marine Corps League - Choctaw Detachment 778

Date: 20 August 2021

To: Chief Operating Officer, Marine Corps League

From: Detachment Commandant James Roy

Subject: Proposed Administrative Procedure Change



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

Current:

2019 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Enclosure (4)

10. Past National Commandants Medal - Gold
Medal: Gold
Ribbon: White
Awarded By: National Commandant
11. National Staff Medal (Elected)
Medal: Silver
Ribbon: Gold and white stripe
To be worn by present and past elected National Officers
12. National Staff Medal (Appointed)
Medal: Bronze
Ribbon: Gold and white stripe flanked by red stripes
To be worn by present and past appointed National Officers
13. Department Commandant Medal (Commandant Samuel Nicholas)
Medal: Bronze
Ribbon: Red and gold stripe
To be worn by present and past elected Department Commandant
14. Department Staff Medal (Elected)
Medal: Silver
Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Blue, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by present and past elected Department Officers
15. Department Staff Medal (Appointed)
Medal: Bronze
Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by present and past appointed Department Officers
17. Detachment Commandant Medal (Commandant John A. Lejeune)
Medal: Bronze
Ribbon: Maroon and Dark blue stripes

- To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Commandant
18. Detachment Staff Medal (Elected)
Medal: Silver
Ribbon: Blue, White, Red, White, Blue
To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Officers
19. Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed)
Medal: Bronze
Ribbon: White, Blue, White
To be worn by present and past appointed Detachment Officers (See NOTE 1).
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NOTE 1

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) When a Marine is elected to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Appointed).
- (b) When a Marine is elected to the Office of Department Commandant, the Department should present the Marine with a Department Commandant Medal.
- (c) When a Marine is elected to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Appointed).
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Rationale:

The rationale for this proposal is to cut down on confusion to the members of the League. Currently inside the administrative procedures there are conflicting rules on this particular section dealing with position medals / ribbons. As you can see in the current administrative procedures (see NOTE 1) appears on the Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed) but in a location in the description which doesn't match any of the other medals or ribbons as they all appear just after the title. Next, members should be recognized for each year of service in their position. As someone who has served in a position for five years is clearly different then someone who served for one year. Also there are plenty of members already wearing this and if you ask ten members you will get ten different answers about who rates these medals / ribbons and if you can wear the stars on them. I believe this change to the bylaws will help clear up any confusion and add to members who are continuous contributors to the Marine Corps League. Suggestions were also made for the Department and Detachment Commandant, Staff Elected, and Staff Appointed medals in an effort to standardize the process and recognize their contributions throughout the League.