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From: Randy Ott Jr., Adjutant, Melvin M. Smith Detachment  
To: Bylaws Committee, National Marine Corps League

**Subj: Proposed Bylaw Change to National Administrative Procedures Enclosure (3)  
Uniform Code**

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1100 National Bylaws Amendments, I am submitting the following changes to Enclosure 3 Uniform Code Marine Corps League

Currently reads:

**V. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER**

A. The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for Marine Corps League members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered in uniform. **NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING.**

D. The only insignia authorized for wear on the Marine Corps League Covers is the 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold Color or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem (Enlisted Style Only) on the Left Side. The Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn up front on the right side of the cover. The identification strips, i.e., Department or Detachment strip, or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the "LIFE" strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip will be worn the same as the identification strips are worn and should be worn above other strips. **NO DIVISION PINS OR OTHER PINS/ORNAMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED ON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVERS.**  
(See diagram Enclosure Three (3) Attachment 1-1.)

Change to read:

**V. MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER**

A. Unchanged.

D. The **insignias** authorized for wear on the left side of the Marine Corps League **Cover are:**  
1. A 1-1/2" X 1-1/2" Anodized Solid Gold or Polished Brass Marine Corps **EGA (Enlisted Style)**  
2. **1-1/2" X 1" U.S.A. Flag patch on the lower rear corner. The U.S.A. Flag patch will have a GOLD border and have a field of Blue to the Left (to the wearer's front.)**

**E.** The **MODD** Devil Dog patch, if authorized, will be worn **on the front right side** of the cover.

**F.** The identification strips, i.e., Department or Detachment strip, or embroidering, will be centered on the right side. If the "LIFE" strip is worn, it will be to the rear of the right side. The "LIFE MEMBER" strip will be worn the same as the identification strips and worn above other strips.

**NO PINS OR ORNAMENTS OF ANY KIND ARE AUTHORIZED ON MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER.**

(See diagram Enclosure Three (3) Attachment 1-1 & 1-1a.)

**Rationale:**

The U.S.A. Flag Patch has been on the Bylaw Proposals for a long time with no progress towards changing. We, as Marines, are better than this argument. The U.S.A. Flag Patch isn't on any USMC Uniforms, yet other military branches and services have them on their work/utility uniforms. In 1987, the MCL uniform adopted the change to allow the MODD to have their patch on the uniform as an identifier to the Order. NCAA and Professional sports have a U.S.A. Flag on their uniforms and helmets as a tribute to our flag and country.

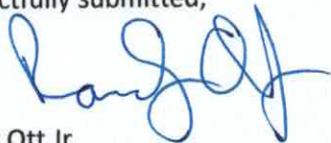
The current sleeve patch is optional and only affects the 6,000 MODD Members, of which ironically not all of them wear the MODD Patch. Therefore, the rest of the MCL's 75,000 plus members are wearing The U.S.A. Flag Patch as prescribed. It is time we settle this dispute and move on.

This U.S.A. Flag Patch will bring the entire MCL membership into uniformity by having the U.S.A. Flag on the only required uniform item, the RED COVER. Perhaps this proposal, if approved, will end the needless argument and help put our time to better causes.

**Proposed cost/supplier of this U.S.A. Flag Patch:**

LawPro US Mini Flag 1.5" x 1' at the cost of \$1.87 from [www.galls.com](http://www.galls.com)

Respectfully submitted,



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Women's cover: Left rear of the cover 1/2" in from the edge and centered on space available.



Men's cover: Left rear of the cover 1/2" in from the edge and even with the bottom of LEAGUE.