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From: National Judge Advocate, Phil Zamora

To: Marine Corps League membership

Cc: Johnny Baker, National Commandant Marine Corps League

Subject: National Judge Advocate report

Since the National Mid-Winter in Norfolk, VA, as your National Judge Advocate we have received as of 08/10/2022 ten chapter nine charges with six still open because either the Jurisdictional JA hasn't sent me the results or they just finished up and I'm waiting for the paperwork to hit my desk. This past week I received one that I will be the Juris JA and will do an investigation before passing it up the chain on whether to pursue a hearing board or not.

On Tuesday, August 16th we all will be voting on the Bylaw and Administrative Procedures changes that were submitted to the National Headquarters. We have 27 Bylaw Changes and your bylaws committee had some great debates just a few weeks ago and will be giving you our acceptance or rejection on these well thought out changes. Just remember any changes to the bylaws or administrative procedures must be voted on at the National Convention only, if you want to submit for next year 2023 just remember its APRIL 1 that they must be in by, here is the AP for that:

Section 10020. Amendments

a. The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may be revised, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved Delegates voting at a National Convention, provided that the proposed revision, amendment, or repeal is submitted to the National Executive Director/COO at National Headquarters **no later than April 1** prior to the National Convention at which said proposal is to be considered. Submission of proposed revisions, amendments or repeals shall be in typewritten form, and shall be in the exact wording intended. Submission can be sent via Email, Certified U.S. Mail, or by other carriers where Certified delivery may be verified, and a Return Receipt may be requested. If the proposal is mailed, it is recommended that a PDF or copy of the source document be emailed to the COO. Receipt of the email submission will be acknowledged by the National Executive Director/COO.

Something I am asking of all Department Commandants and Department Judge Advocates is to familiarize yourself with our Bylaws and AP's and pay special attention to Section 9000 of our AP and know the difference between a Grievance and a Disciplinary charge; a grievance is used to negotiate an ending to a problem without charges being filed.

If a disciplinary charge is filed, please use the example that is in the Chapter 9 attachments and also keep within the timelines.

Lastly, I would like to thank the leadership of the National Board of Trustees when problems arise in their Divisions they all step up and try and take care of the problem within the restraints of the bylaws and administrative procedures.

Respectfully Submitted

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