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To: National By-Laws Committee Chair, By-Laws & Administrative Procedures From: Lisa Solarczyk – National Honor Guard/Color Guard Committee Member

Via: National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka - National Judge Advocate, Russ Miller

Subj: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE CHANGE TO ADD VISUAL EXAMPLE

OF WHITE DUTY BELT AND APPROPRIATE USAGE

Ref: 2022 National Administrative Procedures, Encl (3) page 6

In accordance with the reference, I submit the following proposed changes and rationale submitted for consideration at the 2023 National Convention.

Current:

XI. WHITE DUTY BELTS

A. White Duty Belts may be worn by a member while performing the duty as Sergeant-at-Arms or as a member of a Color Guard or Honor Guard, and only with the Undress Uniform Short Sleeve White or Long Sleeve White Shirt.

B. The White Duty Belt should be the Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with brass Marine Corps waist plate (3 ½" x 2 ½") (DRILL INSTRUCTOR STYLE) or Standard Plain White Cotton Web Belt (2-1/2") with Gold (in color) Marine Corps Buckle (3 ½" x 2 ½"), either highly shined brass or Hamilton gold plated anodized brass with the EGA. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY WEAR THIS BUCKLE WHILE PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR DURING AN HONOR GUARD DETAIL CEREMONY ONLY. THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER MAY NOT WEAR THIS BUCKLE AT ANY OTHER TIME.

Proposed addition to the existing order:

C. The MCL <u>White Duty Belt</u> is for usage while under arms (Honor Guard), standing post (Sergeant At Arms) or marching in a parade performing the duties of a Color Guard. It is **NOT** the same belt as a 1¾" Dress Blue Uniform White Belt. The illustration below shows the drastic difference between each belt. Only example A is the authorized duty belt to be worn during any MCL Honor Guard, Color Guard or Sergeant-at-Arms duty.

Example A:



<u>ALWAYS</u> wear the above White Duty Belt (2 ½" wide) with NCO brass plate with two brass stoppers and back plate (not shown) with MCL Undress short sleeve OR long sleeve uniform.



Your MCL Color Guard should resemble these squared away Marines:

Example B:

<u>NEVER</u> wear or allow others to wear the below Dress Blue uniform white belt with ANY MCL uniform items. We do not mix DOD and MCL uniform items - never.





NEVER allow your MCL Color Guard to march with a Sword, Dress Blue Belts or American Flag with gold fringe (when outdoors).

Rational:

Our League deserves the opportunity to show off our best and brightest uniforms and personnel. When members fail to train and fail to obey, we have these types of issues regarding discipline of uniform and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

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