

Date: March 29, 2023

To: Chief Operating Officer / Executive Director, Marine Corps League

From: Raymond S. Morrell, member
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RE: Proposed Administrative Procedure Change

**MCL National Administrative Procedures: Enclosure (4) Four: MCL Awards Manual –
Strike PNC VAVS award from roster of MCL Awards**

In accordance with Marine Corps League (MCL) National Administrative Procedures Manual, Section 10020, I submit the following proposal to strike the PNC VAVS award as identified in the *MCL National Administrative Procedures Manual: Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual*.

This proposed revised order of precedence was done with MCL National Awards Committee Chairperson Jim Powell and Regular Member James Roy (LA).

CURRENT:

Current verbiage of the Past National Commandant (PNC) Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Award (VAVS) as published in the current *MCL National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual*.

“Nominees for the PNC's VAVS Award must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and must have served on a regular basis in the VAVS Program at a VAMC for a minimum period of at least three years. Recommendations for the PNC's VAVS Award must be made by the detachment and approved at a regular scheduled detachment meeting. Recommendations to be submitted to the National VAVS Representative to be received no later than July 1st prior to the National Convention. Recipient of the PNC's VAVS Award is entitled to wear the Marine Corps League's Community/VAVS Service Ribbon.”

PROPOSED:

Strike this award and remove it from the *MCL National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual*.

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RATIONAL:

In review of this award against the Detachment VAVS award and the individual award consideration for 'Community Service / VAVS', it has been identified that this award, presented as the Past National Commandants VAVS award is a duplication of the exact criteria supporting the 'Community Service / VAVS award' and that the recipient is also presented with the exact same award (as written by the award description). Additionally, upon a request of historical information for this award from PNC Dennis Tobin (2019-2021) it was unveiled through his queries with previous PNCs that this award has not been presented since, at least, the era of PNC Paul Hastings (1979-1981). Correspondence from PNC Hastings to PNC Tobin regarding this award is as follows: "As for the PNC/VAVS award, I recall that there was a "PNC Gil Gray" trophy award that was presented to the most outstanding VAVS individual who was selected to receive the trophy and to be returned and awarded at the next convention. Not sure when that was discontinued or why.

Semper Fidelis, Paul Hastings"

PNC Gil Gray served as MCL National Commandant from 1972-1974.

It is my recommendation that this award be stricken from the considered MCL awards. This is not to prevent our MCL Past National Commandants, who have served so diligently and honorably, to reconsider a future award that is of suitable nature and honors their legacies and fosters continued service, leadership, and inspiration for MCL members, for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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*MCL National Public Relations Committee
MCL National Honor Guard / Color Guard Committee*

*Past Worthy Pack Leader
Past Department Commandant
Past Detachment Commandant*