

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 – Establish categories of awards within Enclosure Four.

In accordance with Marine Corps League (MCL) National Administrative Procedures Manual, Section 10020, I submit the following proposal to develop categories of awards to be identified in the *MCL National Administrative Procedures Manual: Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual*.

This proposed development of awards classifications was done with MCL National Awards Committee Chairperson Jim Powell and Regular Member James Roy, (LA).

CURRENT:

N/A

PROPOSED:

Identify the following categories with parameters for clustering MCL / MODD awards in the *MCL National Administrative Procedures Manual: Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual*.

1. MCL / MODD Personal Decorations - Personal Decorations are prestigious and selective awards, presented in recognition for acts of valor; heroism; or, extraordinary, unusual, and / or outstanding acts; achievement; or, services. Nominations and approval will be when circumstances clearly merit such recognition. To merit a Personal Decoration, an act or service will have been above and beyond normal expectations; recipients brought distinction upon themselves by the acts or accomplishments. To preserve prestige and motivational value of Personal Decorations, they will be judiciously awarded in accordance with published criteria and standards established.

2. MCL / MODD Commendation awards - Commendation awards are discretionary honors conferred to recognize individuals, detachments, departments and / or divisions units for collective demonstration of exceptionally meritorious achievement that clearly and distinctly, by nature and magnitude, place the individual's and / or unit's performance significantly above that of other individuals and / or units performing similar missions.
3. MCL / MODD Service / Achievement awards - Service medals are associated with the highest level of elected or appointed service to MCL. Eligibility for service medals is generally restricted to members who step forward and serve in these leadership positions. Achievement medals are associated with personal involvement and association with key actions supporting the MCL.

RATIONAL:

The categorical grouping is to provide a better manner for awards considerations while also providing a standardization of awards and subsequent award recognition. It is one part of a series of efforts to support a rewrite of the MCL National Administrative Procedures: Enclosure (4) Four – MCL Awards Manual in a format and with language and criteria intended to be easier to read, comprehend, interpret and convey in addition to providing extensive additional information, clarity and imagery to support the MCL awards whereby providing less uncertainty. Additionally, this categorical grouping will enable future changes to be addressed with more accuracy and precise application.

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*