

Date: March 29, 2023

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

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RE: Proposed Administrative Procedure Change

**MCL National Administrative Procedures: Enclosure (4) Four: MCL Awards Manual –
Revise the existing order of precedence subsequent to proposed categories of MCL
awards within Enclosure Four.**

In accordance with Marine Corps League (MCL) National Administrative Procedures Manual, Section 10020, I submit the following proposal to revise the existing MCL / MODD awards order of precedence (*that is also subsequent to the proposed categories of awards*) to be 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:

1. Heroism
2. Distinguished Citizen - Gold (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen - Silver (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Citizen - Bronze (Old and Current)
5. Distinguished Service
6. National Marine of the Year
7. National Associate Member of the Year
8. Division Marine of the Year
9. Division Associate Member of the Year
10. Department Marine of the Year
11. Department Associate Member of the Year
12. Detachment Marine of the Year
13. Detachment Associate Member of the Year
14. National Recruiter Ribbon - Gold
15. National Recruiter Ribbon - Silver
16. National Recruiter Ribbon - Bronze
17. Past National Commandant

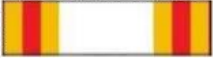








































18. National Staff Elected
19. National Staff Appointed
20. Department Commandant
21. Department Staff Elected
22. Department Staff Appointed
23. Department Recruiter - Silver
24. Detachment Commandant
25. Detachment Staff Elected
26. Detachment Staff Appointed
27. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
28. Marine Corps League Community Service
29. Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award)
30. Meritorious Unit Commendation - National
31. Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department
32. Meritorious Individual Commendation
33. Ceremonial Guard
34. Marksmanship Rifle
35. Marksmanship Pistol
36. Kennel Dog of the Year
37. Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation Ribbon (Individual)
38. Pack Dog of the Year
39. Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
40. Pound Dog of the Year
41. Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
42. Past Chief Devil Dogs
43. Past Pack Leader
44. Past Pound Keeper
45. Marine Corps League 100th Anniversary (Membership)
46. Marine Corps League Ribbon (Membership)
47. 50th National Convention Ribbon (Elected/Appointed/Selected) Silver
48. 50th National Convention Ribbon (Those in attendance) Bronze
49. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Elected & Selected - Gold
50. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Those in Attendance) - Silver
51. 50th Department of California Convention
52. 50th Department of Illinois Convention
53. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention
54. 50th Department of Wisconsin Convention
55. 50th Department of Virginia Convention
56. 50th Department of Michigan Convention
57. 50th Department of Missouri Convention
58. 50th Department of Florida Convention
59. 50th Department of Ohio Convention
60. 60th Department of Oregon Convention
61. 75th Department of New Jersey Convention

62. 60th Department of New Hampshire Convention
63. 75th Department of New York Convention
64. 75th Department of California Convention
65. 60th Department of Washington Convention
66. 75th Department of Pennsylvania Convention
67. 75th Department of Illinois Convention
68. 75th Department of Florida Convention
69. 50th Department of Texas Convention
70. 75th Department of Washington Convention
71. 50th Department of Arizona Convention
72. State Commendation Ribbon (individual States' award) (NON-MCL)



Marine Corps League Awards Order of Precedence



 MCL Hero Medal	 MCL Distinguished Citizen — Gold Medal	 MCL Distinguished Citizen — Silver Medal	 MCL Distinguished Citizen — Bronze Medal	 MCL Distinguished Service — Bronze Medal
 MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon — National	 MCL Associate Member of the Year Ribbon — National	 MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon — Division	 MCL Associate Member of the Year Ribbon — Division	 MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon — Department
 MCL Associate Member of the Year Ribbon — Department	 MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon — Detachment	 MCL Associate Member of the Year Ribbon — Detachment	 MCL National Recruiter — Gold Medal	 MCL National Recruiter — Silver Medal
 MCL National Recruiter — Bronze Medal	 MCL National Past Commandant Medal	 MCL National Staff Elected Medal	 MCL National Staff Appointed Medal	 MCL Department Commandant Medal
 MCL Department Staff Elected Medal	 MCL Department Staff Appointed Medal	 MCL Department Recruiter — Silver Medal	 MCL Detachment Commandant Medal	 MCL Detachment Staff Elected Medal
 MCL Detachment Staff Appointed Medal	 MCL Detachment Recruiter — Bronze Medal	 MCL Community / VAVS Ribbon	 MCL Board of Trustees Commendation Ribbon (Victor T. Fisher Award)	 MCL National Meritorious Commendation Ribbon
 MCL Department Meritorious Commendation Ribbon	 MCL Individual Meritorious Commendation Ribbon	 MCL Ceremonial Guard Ribbon	 MCL Marksmanship Rifle Ribbon	 MCL Marksmanship Pistol Ribbon
 MODD Kennel Dog of the Year Medal	 MODD Chief Devil Dog Meritorious Commendation Ribbon	 MODD Pack Dog of the Year Medal	 MODD Pack Leader Meritorious Commendation Ribbon	 MODD Pound Dog of the Year Medal
 MODD Pound Keeper Individual Meritorious Achievement Ribbon	 MODD Past Chief Devil Dog Medal	 MODD Past Pack Leader Medal	 MODD Past Pound Leader Medal	 MCL Membership Medal

PROPOSED:

MCL / MODD Personal Decorations.

(listed in order of precedence)

1. MCL Heroism.
2. MCL Distinguished Citizen – Gold.
3. MCL Distinguished Citizen – Silver.
4. MCL Distinguished Citizen – Bronze.
5. MCL Distinguished Service – Bronze.
6. MCL National Marine of the Year (with “FMF” device).
7. MODD Kennel Dog of the Year (with “MODD” device).
8. MCL National Associate Member of the Year (with “A” device).
9. MCL Division Marine of the Year (with “FMF” device).
10. MCL Division Associate Member of the Year (with “A” device).
11. MCL Department Marine of the Year (with “FMF” device).
12. MODD Pack Dog of the Year (with “MODD” device).
13. MCL Department Associate Member of the Year (with “A” device).
14. MCL Detachment Marine of the Year (with “FMF” device).
15. MODD Pound Dog of the Year (with “MODD” device).
16. MCL Detachment Associate Member of the Year (with “A” device).
17. MCL National Recruiter – Gold.
18. MCL National Recruiter – Silver.
19. MCL National Recruiter – Bronze.
20. MCL Department Recruiter – Silver.
21. MCL Detachment Recruiter – Bronze.

MCL / MODD Commendation awards, worn after all MCL / MODD Personal Decorations.

(listed in order of precedence)

22. MCL Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award).
23. MCL National Meritorious Unit Commendation.
24. MCL Department Meritorious Unit Commendation.
25. MCL Individual Meritorious Commendation.
26. MODD Chief Devil Dogs Individual Meritorious Commendation.
27. MODD Pack Leaders Individual Meritorious Commendation.
28. MODD Pound Keepers Individual Meritorious Commendation.
29. State Government Commendation (awarded by a State government entity).
Only one (1) State Government Commendation award will be worn, at wearer’s discretion.

MCL / MODD Service / Achievement awards; worn after all MCL Commendation awards.

(listed in order of precedence)

30. MCL Past National Commandant.
31. MODD Past Chief Devil Dog.

32. MCL National Staff Ribbon – Elected.
33. MCL National Staff Ribbon – Appointed.
34. MCL Department Commandant.
35. MODD Past Pack Leader.
36. MCL Department Staff Elected.
37. MCL Department Staff Appointed.
38. MCL Detachment Commandant.
39. MODD Past Pound Keeper.
40. MCL Detachment Staff – Elected.
41. MCL Detachment Staff – Appointed.
42. MCL Community Service / VAVS.
43. MCL Ceremonial Guard.
44. MCL Marksmanship – Rifle.
45. MCL Marksmanship – Pistol.
46. MCL Membership.

MCL Anniversary awards; worn after all MCL / MODD Service / Achievement awards

(listed in order of precedence)

47. 50th MCL National Convention – Silver (Elected / Appointed).
48. 50th MCL National Convention – Bronze (Attendance).
49. 75th MCL National Convention – Gold (Elected / Appointed).
50. 75th MCL National Convention – Silver (Attendance).
51. 100th MCL National Convention.
52. 50th MCL Dept of California Convention.
53. 50th MCL Dept of Illinois Convention.
54. 50th MCL Dept of Pennsylvania Convention.
55. 50th MCL Dept of Wisconsin Convention.
56. 50th MCL Dept of Virginia Convention.
57. 50th MCL Dept of Michigan Convention.
58. 50th MCL Dept of Missouri Convention.
59. 50th MCL Dept of Florida Convention.
60. 50th MCL Dept of Ohio Convention.
61. 60th MCL Dept of Oregon Convention.
62. 75th MCL Dept of New Jersey Convention.
63. 60th MCL Dept of New Hampshire Convention.
64. 75th MCL Dept of New York Convention.
65. 75th MCL Dept of California Convention.
66. 60th MCL Dept of Washington Convention.
67. 75th MCL Dept of Pennsylvania Convention.
68. 75th MCL Dept of Illinois Convention.
69. 75th MCL Dept of Florida Convention.



Marine Corps League Awards PROPOSED Order of Precedence



MCL Heroism	MCL Distinguished Citizen — Gold	MCL Distinguished Citizen — Silver	MCL Distinguished Citizen — Bronze	MCL Distinguished Service — Bronze
MCL Marine of the Year — National	MODD Kennel Dog of the Year	MCL Associate Member of the Year — National	MCL Marine of the Year — Division	MCL Associate Member of the Year — Division
MCL Marine of the Year — Department	MODD Pack Dog of the Year	MCL Associate Member of the Year — Department	MCL Marine of the Year — Detachment	MODD Pound Dog of the Year
MCL Associate Member of the Year — Detachment	MCL National Recruiter — Gold	MCL National Recruiter — Silver	MCL National Recruiter — Bronze	MCL Department Recruiter — Silver
MCL Detachment Recruiter — Bronze	MCL Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award)	MCL National Meritorious Commendation	MODD Chief Devil Dog Meritorious Commendation	MCL Department Meritorious Commendation
MODD Pack Leader Meritorious Commendation	MCL Individual Meritorious Commendation	MODD Pound Keeper Individual Meritorious Achievement	State Commendation Award (non-MCL) (award appearance varies)	MCL National Past Commandant
MODD Past Chief Devil Dog	MCL National Staff Elected	MCL National Staff Appointed	MCL Department Commandant	MODD Past Pack Leader
MCL Department Staff Elected	MCL Department Staff Appointed	MCL Detachment Commandant	MODD Past Pound Leader	MCL Detachment Staff Elected
MCL Detachment Staff Appointed	MCL Community Service / Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)	MCL Ceremonial Guard	MCL Marksmanship Rifle	MCL Marksmanship Pistol
MCL Membership Medal	50th MCL National Convention — Gold (elected/appointed) (not actual award)	50th MCL National Convention — Silver (attendance) (not actual award)	75th MCL National Convention — Gold (elected/appointed)	75th National Convention — Silver (attendance) (not actual award)

RATIONAL:

This change in the order of precedence is to enable a clearer representation of the efforts provided by MCL members and the recognition chosen for them.

MCL / MODD Personal Decorations awards category:

- 1. The MODD Kennel Dog of the Year is positioned below MCL National Marine of the Year but above the MCL Associate Member of the Year; similarly, to the Department / Pack recognition and Detachment / Pound recognition. They remain junior to the 'like' award presented to a regular member and senior to the 'like' award presented to an associate member; reason for this is because only regular members are eligible to be members of the MODD.*
- 2. Detachment and Department Recruiter awards are presented with the same consideration as the National Recruiter awards – because it takes individual effort to secure these new members, their efforts should be positioned with proper recognition.*

MCL / MODD Commendation awards category:

- 1. All commendation awards are clustered in this category with 'Unit' commendations being senior.*
- 2. MODD commendation awards are placed as junior to the MCL Individual Meritorious Commendation due to the eligibility of regular members to receive the individual commendation and regular members are eligible to be members of the MODD; and, that all MODD commendation awards are classified as 'individual' awards.*
- 3. State Commendation awards are allowed to remain in this classification due to the parameters of the respective state award as a 'commendation' award.*

MCL / MODD Service / Achievement awards category:

- 1. All elected / appointed officer awards are classified in this category due to their 'service' in office and to the MCL / MODD.*
- 2. Prioritization remains the same with the exception of the inclusion of the 'like' MODD awards following the same parameters as noted above.*

MCL Anniversary awards:

- 1. All anniversary awards are clustered in this category and remain in the exact same precedence as previous with the exception of the 100th MCL National Convention.*
- 2. 100th MCL National Convention is positioned (ranked) accordingly due to application of the same protocols the USMC does for campaigns – a new campaign will be junior to each preceding campaign; as such, the 100th MCL National Convention award should not be senior to the 75th or 50th MCL National Convention anniversary awards.*

This revised order of precedence is to facilitate a series of proposed changes supporting a restructure and rewrite to 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 format will enable future changes to be addressed with a more accurate and precise application.

Respectfully submitted,

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*MCL National Public Relations Committee
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*Past Worthy Pack Leader
Past Department Commandant
Past Detachment Commandant*