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To: Committee Chair, ByLaws & Administrative Procedures
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Subj: PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE, VICE PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BADGE, AND JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF BADGE

Ref: a. 2022 National Administrative Procedures, Encl (3)
b. US Navy Uniform Regulations NAVPERS15665J Code 5101 3.A.(3)

In accordance with Marine Corps League (MCL) National Administrative Procedures Manual, Section 10020, I submit the following proposal to add the Presidential Service Badge, Vice Presidential Service Badge, Office of Secretary of Defense Identification Badge and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge to be authorized for wear on the MCL uniform(s) and be clarified in the MCL National Administrative Procedures Manual: Enclosure 3 – MCL Uniform Manual. I submit the following proposed changes and rationale submitted for consideration at the 2023 National Convention.

Current:
None

Proposed addition:

Badges that may be worn in accordance with USMC regulations, during and after the period of detail, are the Presidential Service Badge, Vice Presidential Service Badge, Office of the Secretary of Defense Badge and the Joint Chief of Staff Badge.

1. Presidential Service Badge

- a. Eligibility. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the White House who have been awarded a Presidential Service Certificate.
- b. Description. Consists of a replica of the coat of arms of the President of the United States in gold, encircled with 50 silver stars, on a blue enamel disk with the outer edge of gold rays radiating from the center, 1-15/16 inches in diameter.



- c. Correct Wear. The badge may be worn on the undress short and long-sleeve uniforms. Both male and female members wear on the right side. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. The badge is NOT to be worn on casual dress (red blazer) or formal dress (red waist jacket). Only to be worn with DoD ribbons and badges and not to be worn with MCL ribbons.

2. Vice Presidential Service Badge

- a. Eligibility. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the Office of the Vice President and who has been awarded a Vice Presidential Service Certificate.
- b. Description. Consists of a white enameled disc surrounded by 27 gold rays radiating from the center, 1-15/16 inches in diameter. A gold device taken from the seal of the Vice President of the United States is in the center of the white disc.



- c. Correct Wear. The badge may be worn on the undress short and long-sleeve uniforms. Both male and female members wear on the right side. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. The badge is NOT to be worn on casual dress (red blazer) or formal dress (red waist jacket). Only to be worn with DoD ribbons and badges and not to be worn with MCL ribbons.

3. Office of the Secretary of Defense

- a. Eligibility. This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel who have received a certificate of eligibility from the Office of the Secretary of Defense authorizing them to wear the insignia.
- b. Description. Consists of a gold spread eagle grasping three gold crossed arrows, an enamel shield with 13 red and white stripes, and a blue chief, surcharged on its breast; passing behind the wing tips is a gold amulet bearing 13 gold stars above the eagle; a wreath of laurel and a green enamel olive is below the eagle, the whole is superimposed on a silver sunburst of 33 rays, approximately 2 inches in diameter.



- c. Correct Wear. The badge may be worn on the undress short and long-sleeve uniforms. Both male and female members wear on the right side. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. The badge is NOT to be worn on casual dress (red blazer) or formal dress (red waist jacket). Only to be worn with DoD ribbons and badges and not to be worn with MCL ribbons.

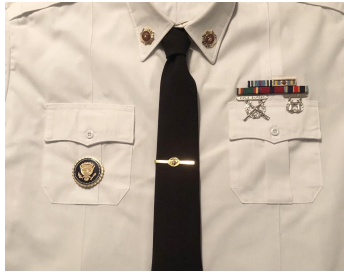
4. Joint Chiefs of Staff

- a. Eligibility. This badge is authorized for personnel designated in CJCSI 1100.01 (series).
- b. Description. Regular badge, approximately 2-1/4 inches by 2 inches, consists of an oval silver metal wreath of laurel with the United States shield, (the Chief in blue enamel and the 13 stripes alternating white and red enamel) on four gold metal unsheathed swords. Two swords are in pale and two are in saltire with points to Chief, the points and pommels resting on the wreath, the blades and grips entwined with a gold metal continuous scroll surrounding the shield with the word JOINT at the top, and the words CHIEFS OF STAFF at the bottom, all in blue enamel letter.



- c. Correct Wear. The badge may be worn on the undress short and long-sleeve uniforms. Both male and female members wear on the right side. On pockets with flaps, center the badge between the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, midway between the sides. The badge is NOT to be worn on casual dress (red blazer) or formal dress (red waist jacket). Only to be worn with DoD ribbons and badges and not to be worn with MCL ribbons.

Badge Matter Of Wear: Proper placement of badge (PSB Displayed) on MCL long sleeve, undress uniform. (Same placement for MCL short sleeve, undress uniform.)



Rational:

The PSB, VPSB, OSDB, and JCOSB are not unit awards like the French Fourragere that is worn only when assigned to the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments. Additionally, the PSB is not a military occupational specialty item like the iconic campaign cover worn by Drill Instructors. The PSB, VPSB, OSDB, and JCOSB is a personal award, only for a privileged few who qualify to serve and protect the highest office in our country. They are worn similarly to the Navy/ Marines Corps Parachutist and other wings.

The PSB was established in 1964 with the enactment of Executive Order 11174. Servicemembers are awarded the privilege to wear this badge after at least one year of satisfactory service to the President of the United States. After the successful year of service, the PSB, VPSB, OSDB, and JCOSB are recorded in the individual's military service record and he/she is authorized to wear this badge as a permanent decoration on their uniform.

No other badge, including recruiting command badge, career counselor badge, recruit division commander badge or military police badge, would be authorized to wear on any Marine Corps League uniform. In accordance with USMC regulation, it may not be worn after the period of detail.

The purpose of the amendment is to educate the League members who have not served in these billets and to remind them that Enclosure 3 was created to establish uniformity and define appropriate wear of the Marine Corps League uniform. By allowing our members to display their choice of DOD or MCL awards we give our members a reason to (once again) be proud of their honorable service.

Marines everywhere respect the dignity of the Marine Corps while reflecting its image. In the same spirit, I propose that all Marine Corps League members who have earned the PSB, VPSB, OSDB, and JCOSB be allowed to wear it with the Marine Corps League undress uniforms to promote conversations about the badge and interest in the recruitment of new members.

Respectfully submitted,

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