



**Marine Corps League**

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Subj: Proposed National Bylaws (NBL) and National Administrative Procedures (NAP)  
Amendment

In accordance with the NAP, Chapter TEN, Section 10020, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2024 National Convention.

**IRT:** NBL Article VII Section 705 and NAP Table of Contents and Section 3075

**CURRENT:**

**NBL Section 705. National Staff Officers.**

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**JUSTIFICATION:**

NBL Section 705 – Replaces the incorrect NAP section with the correct NAP section.

NAP Table of Contents – According to the Government Printing Office Style Manual, Chapter 6, section 6.40, “a civil or military title denoting a single office” is not hyphenated.

NAP Section 3075 – Sometime between August 1982 and August 1986, NBL section 310(m) and sometime between August 2016 and August 2018, NAP section 3075 were amended to include the text “and Field Music” among the duties for the sergeant at arms. No record could be found that described the rationale for the change. Historically, “field music” referred to drums, which might also be joined by fifes, bugles, trumpets, or bagpipes and virtually every form of military organization has relied on them. Their primary purpose was not to make music per se; rather, they acted as communication devices, sounding advance and retreat, calling the colors and regulating drill. The Marine Corps eliminated field musics sometime during the 1970s. The need for the sergeant at arms to deputize a field music is obsolete.

Respectfully Submitted,

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