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*“Once a Marine,
always a Marine”*



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Madam/Sir Commandant:

With the recent intentions published by our current Top Four elected officers, I am officially announcing my candidacy to run for National Judge Advocate at the 2024 National Convention in Palm Springs.

Since joining the Marine Corps League back in 2005, I have appreciated how much we've accomplished as an organization, and I want to give back by volunteering my time to this office to continue our pursuit to becoming even stronger in the coming year.

I understand the responsibilities, and accountability, associated with leadership positions. I have certainly taken into consideration all that will be required of me, as National Judge Advocate, and can say with confidence and certainty that I will work diligently with every Division, Department and Detachment to ensure that this National organization not only grows but becomes stronger.

As you may already know, I was one of four candidates that ran for this position last year in Oklahoma City.

I am a Past National Vice Commandant for the Mideast Division (2017-2019) and held the position of Assistant Division Vice Commandant from 2013-2017. During that time, I worked diligently to open communications, mentor and strengthen Departments and Detachments that needed assistance. I have also served as the Department of North Carolina Commandant (2011-2013), the Department of North Carolina Adjutant (2007-2011) and was the Commandant for the LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington, NC) from 2006-2008. I am currently a member of the National Bylaws Committee.

As you noticed in my credentials, I have not held the Judge Advocate position at any level within the League. That does not mean that I do not have any experience with that position. At a National level, I have served as a Jurisdictional Judge Advocate and have also served as a board member. As a Division, Department and Detachment Commandant, I worked closely with those Judge Advocates on many issues. That, in part, is how I gained my knowledge. What I didn't know, was learned by taking the initiative to download and read the Bylaws at the pertinent level. Knowledge alone is not enough though. I believe my level of dedication, communication skills and interpersonal abilities make me a strong candidate for this position.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration. Every Marine Corps League member wants what is best for our organization and for the mission statement that we live by. With your support, I look forward to helping with our continued march of success.

Semper Fidelis,

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