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Subject: Proposed National Administrative Procedure Change

In accordance with the National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Ten, Section 10020, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2025 National Convention.

IRT: Administrative Procedures Section 7035.B.3 Delinquent Member.

CURRENT

B.3. Submitting the following:

a. A statement from the detachment commandant verifying the member has been informed and understands enrollment date will be deleted, and all past dues removed. This effectively creates a new join date for MCL tenure*; and.

b. A statement from the detachment commandant that the member has not committed a felony during the delinquency period. If a felony was committed, a signed statement from the delinquent member that he/she agrees to waive their rights under the privacy act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of reinstatement in the MCL; and

c. A statement from the detachment commandant that the member does not have a pending Chapter 9 case or is currently suspended by the MCL or has been expelled by the MCL; and

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PROPOSAL

REMOVE B.3 REQUIREMENTS.

DISCUSSION

We spend a lot of time trying to increase our membership, we must understand that we are “ALL VOLUNTEERS” that bring different skills sets to the table, but MCL is a lot like being a reservist where we get together once a month. We wish we could get 100% attendance at every meeting, but that is a pipe dream.

- There are multiple reasons why a member becomes “INACTIVE”, their work, family and other activities is part of it. The other part is the Chain of Command, Detachment, Department, Division and National communication and training to stay on top of the membership status and getting feedback from the member.
- In a perfect world, the member and Detachment Paymaster both stay in contact keeping address, phone number and email address current to exchange communication.
- Getting Detachment Commandants and Paymasters to embrace their job is challenging, especially with older detachments /members that are tech savvy, organized, and keeps up on bylaw changes.
- We (MCL) can lead them to water, but we can't make them drink...

So my observation is no one is doing this or enforcing this, so why has this created an administrative burden on the detachment staff?

Just chasing members down has in some cases doesn't take days, but months or over a year. This is an administrative burden to Membership Associates to have transmittals that are not completed.

Semper Fidelis!

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