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From: Sean Downey, Rio Grande Valley Detachment #1456
To: National Executive Director/COO//MCL
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Subject: Proposed National Administrative Procedure Amendment

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 10000.

CURRENT:

Section 10000. Fund Raising

A. Fund Raising. Fund raising activities may be entered into by the National Marine Corps League (MCL), its departments, detachments, and subsidiary and subordinate units.

1. Provided all funds raised shall be for the sole benefit of such organization, less such expenses incurred.
2. Provided such MCL organization shall receive and disburse all funds.
3. Provided such fund-raising activity does not violate any federal, state, county, or municipal law or ordinance or reflect discredit upon the MCL.
4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the National Convention Committee, or a department convention committee, or a detachment convention committee from selling ads or soliciting funds for any convention book.

B. Fund Raising if More Than One (1) Detachment in City. If a detachment desires to conduct a particular city-wide finance raising project in a city wherein more than one detachment exists, such detachment shall advise all other detachments in such city of its intention and request approval. Any detachment opposing such project shall immediately file objection thereto with the detachment proposing the project, and with the department. The decision of the matter by the department shall be final.

C. Limitations of Fund Raising by Detachment. No detachment of the MCL or unit of the MCL Auxiliary shall conduct a fund-raising project in any municipality or territory, other than its own territory, without first securing the approval of such other detachment or unit, as hereinbefore provided.

D. Limitation of Fund Raising by National. The National Organization of the Marine Corps League shall not conduct any fund-raising project in any department without first obtaining the permission of said department.

E. Solicitation. Any individual or committee soliciting funds for the National Organization, using the name of the Marine Corps League, whether selling advertising or merchandise of any sort, or soliciting donations, must submit a complete report, signed, written to the National Convention as to the amount and source of all funds disbursed, and a summary of final disposition of any and all net profit.

F. Fund Raising by Department. No department shall conduct any finance raising project in any city where there is one or more detachments, without the consent of such detachment or detachments. Any detachment opposing the project shall file immediate objection with the Division National Vice Commandant of that Division, and his decision in the matter shall be final.

G. Fund Raising at Conventions, Conferences, and Meetings. Fund raising at National Conventions shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter Two of the NAP. At all other conventions, conferences, and meetings, any and all fund raising shall be under the control of the detachment, department, or other organization that is hosting the event. No other detachment, department, or National Office of the MCL or any other unit, department, or National Office of the MCL Auxiliary, nor any individual or groups of individuals shall be permitted to engage in any fund raising, including the sale of military or MCL related merchandise in, on, or about the event site without the expressed approval and consent of the detachment, department, or other organizations that are hosting the event.

PROPOSED:

Section 10000. Fund Raising, Community Activities, Recruitment

A. Fund Raising. Fund raising activities may be entered into by the National Marine Corps League (MCL), its departments, detachments, and subsidiary and subordinate units.

1. Provided all funds raised shall be for the sole benefit of such organization, less such expenses incurred.
2. Provided such MCL organization shall receive and disburse all funds.
3. Provided such fund-raising activity does not violate any federal, state, county, or municipal law or ordinance or reflect discredit upon the MCL.

4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the National Convention Committee, or a department convention committee, or a detachment convention committee from selling ads or soliciting funds for any convention book.

B. Fund Raising, and Community Activities if More Than One (1) Detachment in City. If a detachment desires to conduct a particular city-wide finance raising project **or sanctioned community event** in a city wherein more than one detachment exists, such detachment shall advise all other detachments in such city of its intention and request approval. Any detachment opposing such project shall immediately file objection thereto with the detachment proposing the project, and with the department. The decision of the matter by the department shall be final.

C. Limitations of Fund Raising by Detachment. No detachment of the MCL or unit of the MCL Auxiliary **or its members** shall conduct a fund-raising project, **sanction community activity, recruit new members or any other such activity** in any municipality or territory, other than its own territory, without first securing the approval of such other detachment or unit, as hereinbefore provided.

D. Limitation of Fund Raising by National. The National Organization of the Marine Corps League shall not conduct any fund-raising project in any department without first obtaining the permission of said department.

E. Solicitation. Any individual or committee soliciting funds for the National Organization, using the name of the Marine Corps League, whether selling advertising or merchandise of any sort, or soliciting donations, must submit a complete report, signed, written to the National Convention as to the amount and source of all funds disbursed, and a summary of final disposition of any and all net profit.

F. Fund Raising by Department. No department shall conduct any finance raising project in any city where there is one or more detachments, without the consent of such detachment or detachments. Any detachment opposing the project shall file immediate objection with the Division National Vice Commandant of that Division, and his decision in the matter shall be final.

G. Fund Raising at Conventions, Conferences, and Meetings. Fund raising at National Conventions shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter Two of the NAP. At all other conventions, conferences, and meetings, any and all fund raising shall be under the control of the detachment, department, or other organization that is hosting the event. No other detachment, department, or National Office of the MCL or any other unit, department, or National Office of the MCL Auxiliary, nor any individual or groups of individuals shall be permitted to engage in any fund raising, including the sale of military or MCL related merchandise in, on, or about the event site without the expressed approval and consent of the detachment, department, or other organizations that are hosting the event.

JUSTIFICATION:

When non-local detachments and their members operate within the territory of another detachment it can cause confusion among potential donors and community partners. If the actions of another detachment or its members causes a negative effect, the local detachment is the one who suffers the consequences. Detachments should not be distracted from their mission within their communities due to outside interference. Additionally, when members leave one detachment for another outside the municipality they reside in, those members should be required to conduct themselves within the scope of these Administrative Procedures.