

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 2026 NEWSLETTER COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

The National Newsletter Competition encourages all Detachments and Departments of the Marine Corps League to submit their newsletter for judging. For the editors that work so hard, they should receive the recognition.

If you don't already have a newsletter, consider starting one. The judging staff would be glad to help and advise you in any way possible. The newsletter should encourage members to attend meetings and to remain as active as possible in the Marine Corps League.

The Newsletter Judging Criteria does more than establish standards for judging. It makes a suggestions of things editors may want to include in their newsletter. Things that encourage readers to read through the entire publication.

SUBMISSION RULES:

The submissions to the competition will require **three (3) issues in (1) PDF file** (all 3 must be from the same editor) and emailed to the competition e-mail address: MCLnewsletter.comp@gmail.com

The email should contain:

- Detachment or Department #
- Detachment, Department or Division name
- State
- Unit Membership as of June 1 of convention year
- Newsletter name
- Newsletter editor name
- Is this your first entry?

e-mails will be accepted from June 8 through June 30. Submissions must be e-mailed by July 3 of the convention year. Do not email your newsletters each month.

The published newsletter must be for the period of July 1 through June 30 of the Convention year. The detachment's classification will be determined by the detachment strength report published by National Headquarters as of June 1 of the convention year.

AWARDS:

12 plaques (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) will be awarded according to each class (membership strength).

- Class I (Platoon size detachments): up to 50 members
- Class II (Company size detachments): between 51 and 100 members
- Class III (Battalion size detachments): 101 or more members
- Class IV (Division size, i.e., departments)
- Top award: Overall winner is The Leatherneck Award. To the top entry regardless of category to the best as determined by the judges for readability, informative, enjoyment & clear messaging.

The awards will be presented at the 2026 National Marine Corps League Convention.

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