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To: Bob Borke, National Executive Director/COO
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Subject: Proposed MCL By-Law Changes and additions to Article V Membership

In accordance with the National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Ten, Section 10020, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 National Convention.

IRT: National Bylaws Article V Membership

CURRENT: Section 520. Ineligible for Membership (How it reads now)

a. No detachment, may accept as a regular, associate, or any honorary member any person:

(1) who is currently incarcerated or on supervised probation* for any felony conviction or any misdemeanor conviction; or

(2) who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child; or

(3) whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the MCL.

Note * - "Supervised Probation" includes Veterans who have entered into the system with the Veterans Treatment Court. Applications from Veterans who are in the Veterans Treatment Court shall not be accepted under the NBL and NAP. The primary goal with the Veterans Treatment Court is for Veterans to get the help they need. Once the Veteran successfully fulfilled the requirements from the Veteran's Treatment Court, the Veteran's application may be accepted for membership in accordance with the National Bylaws (NBL) and Administration Processors (NAP) of the Marine Corps League. (Rev 2025)

b. If after a member has been accepted, the fact that the member has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child is discovered, any member may file a disciplinary charge in accordance with NAP, Chapter Nine. The age/date of the conviction is irrelevant.

PROPOSED Section 520. Ineligible for Membership (change to read) (Change in RED):

a. No detachment, may accept as a regular, associate, or any honorary member any person:

(1) who is currently incarcerated or on supervised probation* for any felony conviction or any misdemeanor conviction; or

(2) who has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child; or

(3) who has been convicted of a violent sexual crime where the victim is of any age; or

(4) whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the MCL; or

(5) who has been recently convicted of a financial or violent crime (each detachment shall use their discretion as to what constitutes recent based on the severity of the crime, the time frame that has passed since the crime, and the successful completion of any court ordered requirements)

.Note * - "Supervised Probation" includes Veterans who have entered into the system with the Veterans Treatment Court. Applications from Veterans who are in the Veterans Treatment Court shall not be accepted under the NBL and NAP. The primary goal with the Veterans Treatment Court is for Veterans to get the help they need. Once the Veteran successfully fulfilled the requirements from the Veteran's Treatment Court, the Veteran's application may be accepted for membership in accordance with the National Bylaws (NBL) and Administration Processors (NAP) of the Marine Corps League. (Rev 2025)

b. If after a member has been accepted, the fact that the member has been convicted of a crime where the victim is a child or a violent sexual crime where the victim is of any age is discovered, any member may file a disciplinary charge in accordance with NAP, Chapter Nine. The age/date of the conviction is irrelevant.

Rationale: Crimes other than those committed against a child can negatively impact detachment membership. Courts frequently utilize alternative forms of punishment other than incarceration or supervised probation. There must be a balance between ensuring inclusion for new membership while ensuring current membership is not negatively impacted by individuals who may have ill intentions or who have not yet completed any court ordered requirements.

Respectfully Submitted

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