



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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**To:** Marine Corps League NED/COO Bob Borka

**Subject:** Proposed Amendments to National Bylaws, Article VI, Section 615a.

In accordance with the National Bylaws Article XI, Sections 1120, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 National Convention.

## **Purpose**

To transition the Top Four National Elected Officers — National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, and National Judge Advocate — from two one-year terms, to three (3), one-year terms, with a three-term cap.

## **Effective Date**

Upon adoption of this proposal, the amendments establishing one-year terms with an additional two (2) one-year terms reelections for the top four National Officers shall take effect after the close of the 2026 National Convention.

## **Rationale**

This amendment strengthens the Marine Corps League by allowing the top four National Officers to serve a one-year term with the option of two (2) additional one-year terms. Longer terms give national leadership the time needed to plan, execute, and complete major programs that cannot realistically be finished under the current one-year cycle with a maximum of two (2) years in office.

Accountability remains fully intact—members still vote, and a second term and third term is earned through demonstrated performance.

For the membership, the benefits are clear: less turnover, more stability, and stronger results. Three one-year terms reduce constant resets, provide steady direction to Departments and Detachments, and allow leaders to show measurable progress while still answering directly to the voters.

In short, this amendment improves continuity and effectiveness without reducing member control or changing how we elect our leaders.

**Proposed National Bylaw Changes**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 615. National Elected Officers Term of Office**

a. The National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, and National Judge Advocate shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election one (1) consecutive additional year.

**PROPOSED (Added/edited in red):**

**Section 615. National Elected Officers Term of Office**

a. The National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, and National Judge Advocate shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand **for re-election for two consecutive additional one-year terms.**

**Effective Date:** This Bylaw Change would be in effect after the close of the 2026 National Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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