



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

National Bylaws Committee
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2026 NBL/NAP Proposal Amendments

The National Bylaws Committee started meeting monthly, this past February, to review all 32 proposals that were submitted.

If the Committee had recommendations to change the proposal, the Maker of the proposal was contacted with those suggestions and if they agreed, those proposals were updated by the Maker and re-published on the website prior to the 01-April deadline.

Some recommendations came after the deadline date due to when they were reviewed by the Bylaws Committee so these changes could not be updated and re-published. The Maker's of those proposals did respond, in writing, accepting those recommendations so the Bylaws Committee will present those proposals with the suggested, approved changes to streamline the process on the Floor. Below are the five proposals that will be presented with amendments by the National Bylaws Committee.

Proposal #21

NBL Section 415 a & NAP Section 2045 a

Summary: "This proposal allows a candidate for one of the Top Four National Officer positions to be elected by acclamation when no opposing nominations are received."

Add the following to the rationale for NBL 415: *"This amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption and may be utilized during this Convention."*

Proposal #16

NBL Section 520

Summary: “This proposal adds new membership restrictions for individuals convicted of violent sexual crimes or recent financial/violent offenses, giving detachments discretion based on severity and time passed.”

Committee Comments: “The Committee suggested timeframe clarifications in bullet #5.”

Original proposed change:

(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)

Amended proposed change:

(5) who has been recently convicted of a financial or violent crime

A) a minimum of 3 years must have passed since the completion of all court ordered requirements in the case of any misdemeanor crime financial or other, and a minimum of 7 years must have passed since the completion of all court ordered requirements in the case of any felony crimes financial or other.

Proposal #15

Enclosure 3

Summary: “The proposal allows Dog Collars and Chapel of Four Chaplains medallions to be worn with attire other than MCL uniforms (IE - polo shirts) because they are not MCL awards.”

Committee Comments: Amend line three of the proposal to remove the words "and Medal of Honor", as this is the first mention of this award in Enclosure 3 and the Uniform Committee should be involved and offer their insight on wearing the MOH.

Original proposed change:

NOTE – THE MARINE OF THE YEAR, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR (national, division, department or detachment), MEDAL OF HONOR, OR THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAIN MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT, (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)

Amended proposed change:

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Proposal #27

NAP Section 5015

Summary: “This proposal clarifies that the existing rules allow qualified Installing Officers from any Department to perform the Officer Installation. Not just Officers from within the same Department.”

Committee Comments: “Amend Section 5015, d to change from "A Division or National Officer authorized to perform installations" to read "An elected Division or National Officer authorized to perform installations" for clarification that only elected Officers can perform installations.”

Original proposed change:

Section 5015. Installation of Department Officers

The installing officer shall be selected by the incoming Department Commandant and must be one of the following, provided the member is in good standing:

- a. the outgoing Department Commandant,
- b. any Past Department Commandant, without regard to Department affiliation;
- c. any current Department Commandant from another Department; or
- d. a Division or National Officer authorized to perform installations.

Amended proposed change:

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- b. any Past Department Commandant, without regard to Department affiliation;
- c. any current Department Commandant from another Department; or
- d. **an elected** Division or National Officer authorized to perform installations.

Proposal #28

NAP Section 6015

Summary: “This clarifies that the existing rules allow qualified Installing Officers from any Detachment to perform the Officer Installation. Not just Officers from within the same Detachment.”

Committee Comments: “Amend Section 6015, b, 4 to change from "A Division or National Officer authorized to perform installations" to read "An elected Division or National Officer authorized to perform installation" for clarification that only elected Officers can perform installations.”

Original proposed change:

Section 6015. Installation of Detachment Officers

- a. The detachment commandant elect shall select an installing officer of his/her choice. Such information shall be forwarded to the department commandant.

b. The installing officer shall be one of the following, provided the member is in good standing:

- (1) the outgoing Detachment Commandant;
- (2) any Past Detachment Commandant, without regard to detachment affiliation;
- (3) any current Detachment Commandant from another Detachment; or
- (4) a Department or National Officer authorized to perform installations

Amended proposed change:

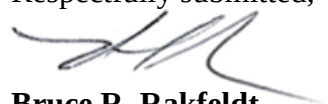
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- (2) any Past Detachment Commandant, without regard to detachment affiliation;
- (3) any current Detachment Commandant from another Detachment; or
- (4) **an elected** Department or National Officer authorized to perform installations

Respectfully submitted,



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