



Date: 14- March-2022

To: Commandant, Department of North Carolina

From: William Brown, North District Vice Commandant

Subject: Proposed Amendments to DoNC By-laws

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2022 North Carolina Department Convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: 14-MAY-2022

BYLAWS
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE TWO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CURRENT: Section 210 A:

7. With the advice and consent of the Board, appoint as necessary the following Staff Officers:

- a. Chief of Staff Sergeant-at-Arms
- b. Aides-to-Commandant (Aide de Camp) Legislative Officer
- c. Americanism Chairman
- d. Deputy Director of Young Marines Service and Rehabilitation Officer
- e. V.A.V.S. Chairman (I) Historian
- f. Public Relations Officer Auxiliary Liaison Women Marine Liaison
Scholarship Chairman



CHANGE TO READ:

SECTION 210 - DUTIES OF TRUSTEES -

A. DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT shall:

7. With the advice and consent of the Board, appoint as necessary the following Staff Officers:

- a. Chief of Staff
- b. Sergeant at Arms
- c. District Vice Commandants
- d. Legislative Officer
- e. Americanism Chairman
- f. Director of Young Marines
- g. Service and Rehabilitation Officer
- h. V.A.V.S. Chairman
- i. Historian
- j. Public Relations Officer
- k. Auxiliary Liaison
- l. Women Marine Liaison
- m. Scholarship Chairman
- n. Compliance Officer
- o. Marine For Life Liaison

RATIONALE:

In the current form most of the positions listed are run-on and not separately named. Additionally, more current positions are now more commonplace and should be included herein (District Vice Commandant, Compliance Officer and Marine For Life Liaison). Additionally, these positions should also be expanded within related Section 310 – Duties of Staff Officers.



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ARTICLE THREE
STAFF

SECTION 310 – DUTIES OF STAFF OFFIERS

CURRENT:

- A. CHIEF OF STAFF shall perform as a Staff Officer, coordinating staff functions and planning for the Commandant and assuming other administration tasks assigned by the Commandant.
- B. B. SERGEANT AT ARMS shall preserve order at Conventions and Staff Meetings and perform such other duties as are required by the Commandant. The Sergeant-at-Arms is empowered to deputize such Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties.
- C. C. AIDES-TO-COMMANDANT (Aid de Camp) shall assure that quarters, meeting facilities and material are available for performance of the Commandant's activities.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: 14-MAY-2022

CHANGE TO READ:

- A. CHIEF OF STAFF shall perform as a Staff Officer, coordinating staff functions and planning for the Commandant, in concert with all Detachments hosting Department and Higher level meetings and conventions, assuring that quarters, meeting facilities and material are available for performance of the Commandant's activities, and assuming other administration tasks assigned by the Commandant.
- B. SERGEANT AT ARMS shall preserve order at Conventions and Staff Meetings and perform such other duties as are required by the Commandant. The Sergeant-at-Arms is empowered to deputize such Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties.
- C. DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS shall perform as a Staff Officer responsible to the Department Commandant for Detachments within their designated District. Each Detachment will liaison through the District Vice Commandant to the Department Commandant/Staff. Expanded duties are defined in the Department Standard Operating Procedures for District Vice Commandant.



RATIONALE:

- A. There has not been a Chief of Staff position for some time as it may convey a sense of autonomous power, although no appointed positions have any vote in Department decision making. The position of Aide-de-Camp, though limited in the description outlined within the bylaws has traditionally been involved with assisting hosting Detachments in the securing of contracts and facilities/services for the Department, Division and higher level meetings and conventions hosted within the Department.
- B. Recommendation that the Chief of Staff position be expanded and the Aide-de-Camp position be dropped thereby giving the Chief of Staff the responsibility for coordination and oversight of the Department and higher level Conventions and Membership Meetings.
- C. The position of District Vice Commandant (DVC) is critical in oversight of the eleven (11) geographical Districts in the Department of North Carolina. The DVC has a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that established the position as the first step in the Chain of Command between the Detachment and the Department. However, this position and its related SOP are not accessible to viewers via the Department website and its available documents.



BYLAWS
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE SIX
STAFF

SECTION 615 – GOOD STANDING

CURRENT:

SECTION 615 - GOOD STANDING - All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League,

A. Except when:

1. required dues are not paid, and transmitted, on or before membership expiration date as
2. shown on the member's card.
3. a member is indebted or in arrears to the member's Detachment, Department, or to National Headquarters.
4. under suspension as punishment upon adjudication of guilt as is provided in Chapter Nine (9), Section 910 of the Administrative Procedures.

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CHANGE TO READ:

SECTION 615 - GOOD STANDING - All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League,

A. Except when:

1. required dues are not paid, and transmitted, on or before membership expiration date of 31 August annually.
2. a member is indebted or in arrears to the member's Detachment, Department, or to National Headquarters.
3. under suspension as punishment upon adjudication of guilt as is provided in Chapter Nine (9), Section 910 of the Administrative Procedures.

RATIONALE: In that the expiration dates for all members was changed to 31 August annually and that so many membership cards were returned undelivered annually, the standard expiration date on file at National headquarters is all that should be required. Therefore, there is no reason for any non-life Marine Corps League member not to know that their membership expires on 31 August annually.



Respectfully Submitted.

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Department of North Carolina