



Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



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To: Judge Advocate, Department of North Carolina
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Subj: Proposed Department of North Carolina Bylaw Change Article Two 210 A - Duties of Trustees -
Department Commandant

In accordance with Article Eight, Section 800, of Department Bylaws (DBL) Amendments, I am submitting the following change for consideration at the 2026 Department of North Carolina Convention.

CURRENT:

Section 210 DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

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A. DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT is the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League, Incorporated, and shall:

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6. With the Department Paymaster has custody of all funds and property of the Department subject to the supervision of the Commandant. Under normal conditions, the Department Commandant or Department Paymaster will affix their signature, with the Department Senior Vice Commandant being called upon in the event of death or incapacitation of either of the aforementioned Officers. Checks and other monetary business of the Department shall be considered legal and binding if any one of these officers' signatures are affixed onto such document. All three (3) of these officers shall have their signatures on file with the financial institution used by the Department. (CH 5-22)

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- 8. With the advice and consent of the Board, appoint such Standing Committees as are deemed necessary:
 - a. Approve or disapprove all disbursement of Department Funds
 - b. Represent the Department at all social functions and ceremonies in such a manner as will enhance the dignity, honor and prestige of the Marine Corps League
 - c. Represent the Department at the North Carolina Veterans Commission or designate an alternate representative in writing.

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PROPOSED (Changes in RED):

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8. With the advice and consent of the **Executive Board of Trustees**
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RATIONALE: The department should maximize security of its funds and dual signatures on checks will ensure that appropriate authorization has been applied prior to execution of expenditures. No checks will be signed by anyone who is to receive remuneration. This is common practice; additionally the change is subparagraph 8 clarifies that the Executive Board of Trustees advises and consents on appointments to Standing committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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