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3. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Medal
5. National Recruiter - Gold
6. National Recruiter - Silver
7. National Recruiter - Bronze
8. Past National Commandants Medal
9. National Staff Medal Elected
10. National Staff Medal Appointed
11. Department Commandant Medal
12. Department Staff Medal Elected
13. Department Staff Medal Appointed
14. Department Recruiter - Silver
15. Detachment Commandant Medal
16. Detachment Staff Medal Elected
17. Detachment Staff Medal Appointed
18. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
19. Kennel Dog of the Year Medal
20. Pack Dog of the Year Medal
21. Pound Dog of the Year Medal
22. Past Chief Devil Dogs Medal
23. Past Pack Leader Medal
24. Past Pound Keeper Medal
25. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)
26. 75th National Convention Medal - Gold (Elected & Selected)
27. 75th National Convention Medal - Silver (Those in Attendance)
28. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
29. 50th Department of Virginia Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
30. 50th Department of Michigan Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
31. 50th Department of Missouri Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
32. 50th Department of Florida Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
33. 60th Department of Ohio Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
34. 60th Department of Oregon Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
35. 75th Department of New Jersey Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
36. 60th Department of New Hampshire Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
37. 75th Department of New York Convention Medal (see NOTE 2)
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Order of Precedence (Ribbons)

1. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Gold (Old and Current)
2. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Silver (Old and Current)
3. Distinguished Citizen Ribbon - Bronze (Old and Current)
4. Distinguished Service Ribbon
5. National Marine of the Year Ribbon
6. Division Marine of the Year Ribbon - Gold
7. Department Marine of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet and Gold
8. Detachment Marine of the Year Ribbon - Scarlet
9. National Recruiter - Gold
10. National Recruiter - Silver
11. National Recruiter - Bronze
12. Past National Commandants Ribbon
13. National Staff Ribbon Elected
14. National Staff Ribbon Appointed
15. Department Commandant Ribbon
16. Department Staff Ribbon Elected
17. Department Staff Ribbon Appointed
18. Department Recruiter - Silver
19. Detachment Commandant Ribbon
20. Detachment Staff Ribbon Elected
21. Detachment Staff Ribbon Appointed
22. Detachment Recruiter - Bronze
23. Marine Corps League Community Service Ribbon
24. Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award)
25. Meritorious Unit Commendation - National
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27. Meritorious Individual Commendation
28. Kennel Dog of the Year
29. Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
30. Pack Dog of the Year
31. Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
32. Pound Dog of the Year
33. Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual)
34. Past Chief Devil Dogs Ribbon
35. Past Pack Leader Ribbon
36. Past Pound Keeper Ribbon
37. Marine Corps League Ribbon (Membership)
38. 50th Nat'l Convention Ribbon (Elected/Appointed/Selected) Silver
39. 50th Nat'l Convention Ribbon (Those in attendance) Bronze

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40. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Elected & Selected_ - Gold
41. 75th National Convention Ribbon (Those in Attendance) - Silver
42. 50th Department of California Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
43. 50th Department of Illinois Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
44. 50th Department of Pennsylvania Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
45. 50th Department of Wisconsin Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
46. 50th Department of Virginia Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
47. 50th Department of Michigan Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
48. 50th Department of Missouri Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
49. 50TH Department of Florida Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
50. 60th Department of Ohio Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
51. 60th Department of Oregon Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
52. 75th Department of New Jersey Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
53. 60th Department of New Hampshire Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
54. 75th Department of New York Convention Ribbon (see NOTE 2)
55. 75th Department of California Convention Ribbon (2007) (see NOTE 2)
56. 60th Department of Washington Convention Ribbon (2007) (see NOTE 2)
57. State Commendation Ribbon (individual States' award) (NON-MCL)

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NOTE 1

For each additional medal award, a bronze star will be worn. A silver star will be worn in place of five (5) bronze stars and a gold star will be worn in place of five (5) silver stars unless otherwise noted. The exceptions are: Distinguished Citizens Medal - Gold; Distinguished Citizens Medal - Silver; Distinguished Citizens Medal - Bronze; and Distinguished Service Medal. On each of the aforementioned Distinguished Service Medals a 5\16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards and a 5/16" silver star will be worn in place of five (5) gold stars.

DESCRIPTION OF MEDALS, RIBBONS, AWARDS AND WHO MAY AUTHORIZE

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1. National Marine of the Year Ribbon

The National Marine of the Year Ribbon to be worn around the neck (White with Gold Stripe 1/8" Gold stripe along inside and outside edge of ribbon. Medallion will remain the same. The ribbon is to be 2 ¼ inches wide. This medal and ribbon should be number one in order of precedence.

Awarded by: National Marine of the Year Society

2a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold (Old)

Medal - Gold

Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Gold Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue.

2b. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Gold (Current)

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Medal - Gold

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Ribbon - Blue, gold, white, green and red stripe
Awarded by: National Commandant
Recommended by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee

* Shall be awarded by National Commandant ONLY. This medal is automatically presented to the National Marine of the Year with the FMF device (Eagle, Globe & Anchor) signifying National Marine of the Year (see Note 3). Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded **only** to regular members who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded. A 3/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards.

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3a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver (Old)

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver with five (5) Silver Stars

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver. There are no more, but those who have received them may wear them in front of the current issue.

3b. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver (Current)

(see NOTE 1)

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Red center flanked by gold and black stripes

A- Awarded by: National Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice\National Commandant
National Awards Committee

B- Awarded by: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
For Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant

4a. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Old)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Green, Gold and Silver

NOTE: This was the original Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze. There are no more, but those who have received them, may wear them in front of the current issue.

4b. Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze (Current)

(see NOTE 1)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - White center flanked by maroon stripes

A- Awarded by: National Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice\National Commandant
National Awards Committee

B- Awarded by: Department\National Division Vice Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant

For Approval: Department\National Division Vice

C- Awarded by: Detachment Commandant

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5. Division, Department and Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion

The Marine Corps League authorizes the creation of a "Marine of the Year" medallion for Division, Department and Detachments only. This medallion will be worn around the neck suspended by the appropriate color ribbon depending on the level of the award.

A- Division Medallion Standard Marine of the Year **medallion**

Medallion Ribbon Gold

Ribbon Gold

Awarded By: Division Vice Commandant

B - Department Medallion Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon Red and Gold

Ribbon Red and Gold

Awarded By: Department Commandant

C - Detachment Medallion Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon Red

Ribbon Red

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

The Marine of the Year Medallion is authorized for wear with the Casual and Formal Uniform only as set forth in enclosure three (3) of these bylaws. While wearing the Marine of the Year medallion no other medal or devices shall also be suspended from the neck. No pins or other devices shall be attached to the suspension ribbon. In the event the person authorized to wear the Marine of the Year Award has been selected at more than one level for such an honor, the senior medallion and suspension ribbon will be worn.

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6. Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps)

(see NOTE 1)

Medal - Bronze

Ribbon - Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes

Awarded by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice\National
Commandant

Recommended By: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice\National
Commandant

7. National Recruiter Medal - Gold

Medal - Gold
Ribbon - Green\White\Gold
Awarded by: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to: National Recruiter of the Year.

8. National Recruiter Medal - Silver

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Red\White\Green
Awarded by: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to: 2nd Place National Recruiter of the Year.

9. National Recruiter Medal - Bronze

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Green\White\Green
Awarded by: National Jr. Vice Commandant
Awarded to: 3rd Place National Recruiter of the Year.

10. Past National Commandants Medal - Gold

Medal - Gold
Ribbon - White
Awarded by: National Commandant

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11. National Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe

To be worn by present and past elected National Officers (see NOTE 1).

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12. National Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Gold and white stripe flanked by red stripes

To be worn by present and past appointed National Officers (see NOTE 1).

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13. Department Commandant Medal (Commandant Samuel Nicholas)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Red and gold stripe

To be worn by present and past elected Department Commandant (see NOTE 1).

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14. Department Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal - Silver

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Ribbon - Blue, Red, White, Blue, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by present and past elected Department Officers (see NOTE 1).

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15. Department Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue
To be worn by present and past appointed Department Officers (see NOTE 1).

16. Department Recruiter Medal - Silver

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Green, Gold, Green
Awarded by: Department Commandant
Awarded to: Department Recruiter(s) of the Year

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17. Detachment Commandant Medal (Commandant John A. Lejeune)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Maroon and Dark blue stripes
To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Commandant (see NOTE 1).

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18. Detachment Staff Medal (Elected)

Medal - Silver
Ribbon - Blue, White, Red, White, Blue
To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Officers (see NOTE 1).

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19. Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed)

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - White, Blue, White
To be worn by present and past appointed Detachment Officers (see NOTE 1).

20. Detachment Recruiter Medal - Bronze

Medal - Bronze
Ribbon - Gold, Green, Gold
Awarded by: Detachment Commandant
Awarded to: Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year

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21. Past Pack Leader Medal

Medal - Bronze Cross on Ribbon with wide gold Center Stripe
Ribbon - Red with wide Gold Center Stripe.
Awarded to: Pack Leaders upon completion of a term of office.

(See NOTE 1)

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22. Past Pound Keeper Medal

(See NOTE 1)

Medal - Bronze Cross on Ribbon with equal Red, Gold and Black stripes.

Ribbon - Red, gold and black stripes (worn with Red to wearer's right)

Awarded to: Pound Keepers upon completion of a Term of Office

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23. Marine Corps League Medal (Membership)

(see NOTE 1)

Medal - Marine Corps Emblem on gold sunburst

Ribbon - Blue, khaki, olive stripes flanked by gold and pink stripes

To be worn by a member of the Marine Corps League who is a member in good standing. A bronze star may be worn for each period of five (5) years of continuous membership and there has not been a break in membership service. (See NOTE 1)

24. State Commendation Medal

Medal - Bronze/Silver

Ribbon - Depends on individual State awarding

Awarded by: States' Governor and/or Adjutant General

Past National Commandant Pin

Oval-shaped pin with Marine emblem and a diamond. Presented to the outgoing National Commandant at the completion of his tour as National Commandant at the National Convention. It will be worn centered on the left lapel, one inch below the lapel notch.

National Marine of the Year

Gold pin in the shape of the United States. Awarded at the National Convention to the Marine selected by the Marine of the Year Society as the National Marine of the Year. It will be worn centered on the left lapel one inch below the lapel notch, left of the Past National pin if so awarded.

Kennel Dog of the Year (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws)

(See NOTE 1)

This is the most prestigious award given by the Order. Presented at each National Convention to the Marine selected as the Kennel Dog of the Year.

Medal Bronze Cross on Gold Ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed

Ribbon Gold with small Devil Dog affixed

Pack Dog of the Year (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws)

(See NOTE 1)

Medal Bronze Cross on Red Ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed

Ribbon Red with small Devil Dog affixed

Pound Dog of the Year (See Section 417 of the MODD Bylaws) (See NOTE 1)

Medal Bronze Cross on Black Ribbon with small Devil Dog affixed

Ribbon Black with small Devil Dog affixed

Past Chief Devil Dog Medal

(See NOTE 1)

Medal Bronze Cross on White Ribbon with Gold, Red, Black stripes in the center

Ribbon White with Gold, Red, Black Stripes in the center (ordered to wearer's right)
Awarded to: Chief Devil Dogs upon completion of a Term of Office

COMMENDATION AWARDS:

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Marine Corps League Community/VAVS Service (Nat'l.\Div.\Dept.\Detachment) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - Green, Yellow, Green

Awarded by: National\Division\Department\Detachment Commandant

Presented to: An Individual

Detachment Award Approval: Detachment Commandant

Department Award Approval: Department Commandant

Division Award Approval: Division Vice-Commandant

National Award Approval: National Commandant

To be awarded to a Marine Corps Leaguer who in the opinion of the awarding Commandant has exemplified him or herself in their communities and/or National, including VAVS, but not necessarily both, helping all they have come in contact with. The recommendation **MUST** be in writing and have the appropriate endorsements when making the submission.

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Marine Corps League Community Service(JROTC)

Ribbon/Medal - Green, Yellow, Green (See NOTE 1)

Presented by: A local member of the Marine Corps League or the Senior Instructor

Presented to: An Individual Cadet

Award Selection: The Senior Instructor will select the eligible cadet in accordance with the criteria below.

Sponsor: Marine Corps League by National, Division, Department or Detachment Commandant or Authorized Representative, By Direction of same.

Presented to a cadet who:

- a. Has demonstrated exemplary service above and beyond the service activities performed by the unit of which the cadet is a member or
- b. Has held a key leadership position and/or directly contributed to the planning, coordination and implementation of high profile community service/volunteer project(s) or.
- c. Has successfully completed the Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness Test with the minimum score outlined in the official program (See web site for minimum score).

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Marine Corps League Community Service (Scout Leader)

Ribbon - Green, Yellow, Green

Authorized for wear by a Scout Leader currently engaged in Scouting.

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Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award) (National\Department)

Ribbon: - Red, White, Blue
Awarded by: National\Division Vice\Department Commandant
Presented to: National\Department Board of Trustees member
Recommended by: National\Division Vice\Department\Detachment Commandant
Department Award Approval: Department Commandant
Division Award approval: Division Vice Commandant
National Award approval: National Commandant

This can be awarded by ANY National, Division Vice or Department Commandant to a member of their Board of Trustees who best exemplifies the principles of the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps League and Marine Fisher.

Meritorious Unit Commendation (National) for a Detachment\Department (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - Red, white and gold striped
Streamer - Gold with Red lettering
Awarded by: National Commandant
Presented to: A Department or a Detachment
Recommended by: Detachment\Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Detachment Award approval: Detachment\Department\Nat'l Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
Department Award Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
National Award approval: National Awards Committee\National Commandant

Meritorious Unit Commendation - Department

(see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - White center flanked by gold
Streamer - White with Red lettering
Awarded by: Department Commandant
Presented to: A Detachment
Recommended by: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
Detachment Award approval: Detachment\Department\Nat'l Division Vice
Commandant\National Awards Committee
Department Award Approval: Department\National Division Vice Commandant
National Awards Committee
National Award approval: National Awards Committee\National Commandant

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Meritorious Individual Commendation (Detachment\Department\National) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon - Gold center flanked by white
Awarded by: National\Department\Detachment Commandant
Presented by: An individual designated by National\Department\Detachment Commandant.
Detachment Award approval: Detachment Commandant

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Department Award Approval: Department Commandant

National Award approval: National Commandant\National Division Vice Commandant

Chief Devil Dogs Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Red, Gold, Red, Green

Awarded by: Chief Devil Dog

Recommended by: Chief Devil Dog\Kennel Staff Member to Chief Devil Dog

Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Green, Yellow, Green, Red

Awarded by: Pack Leader

Pound Keepers Meritorious Commendation (Individual) (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: - Blue, White, Red, Gold

Awarded by: Pound Keeper

CERTIFICATES:

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Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate

The only notation on the bottom left corner will be "Authorized to Wear – Gold (Silver or Bronze)

Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant to Leaguers and non-League members who have distinguished themselves.

Certificate of Appreciation

This award may be presented by the National, Department, or Detachment Commandant for appreciation of loyalty and patriotism to country and the Marine Corps League. This may be awarded to Leaguers and non-League members.

Certificate of Appreciation (For Displaying the United States Flag)

This award may be presented by the National, Department or Detachment Commandant.

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MARINE OF THE YEAR

This award shall be presented to a regular member of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League.

Letters of Nomination for National Marine of the Year shall originate **only at the Detachment level**. No individual member of the Marine Corps League, or any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a Letter of Nomination other than the nominee's Detachment. The nominee shall be a **regular member** of the Marine Corps League, in good standing of the Detachment which submits the Letter of Nomination.

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Only officers and/or members of the Detachment submitting the Letter of Nomination shall be allowed to submit documentary proof, or affidavits on behalf of the nominee they submitted. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety. (See National Administrative Procedures Section 300, Subsection One (1))

“ESPIRITE de CORPS” AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nomination of the individual from the Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. This award was conceived to extend recognition by presenting a Marine Corps Officers sword to the Marine Option Cadet, who best demonstrates the qualities of leadership sought by the Marine Corps, from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. The presentation will be made by the National Commandant at the Commencement ceremonies.

GENERAL JOHN A. LEJEUNE WRITING AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nomination of the individual from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. This award was conceived to extend recognition by presenting a plaque and cash award to the outstanding writer in the graduating class. The presentation will be made by the National Commandant at the Commencement ceremonies.

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IRON MIKE AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Iron Mike Award prior to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the man who has contributed the most to the United States of America and the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nomination should be forwarded directly to: National Executive Director, Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.

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DICKEY CHAPELLE AWARD

National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League will accept nominations for the annual Dickey Chapelle Award prior to 1 June annually. This award was conceived to extend recognition to the woman who has contributed most to the morale, welfare and well-being of the officers and men of the United States Marine Corps. While not limited to the immediate past 12-month period, nominations should stress accomplishments during that period. Nominations should be forwarded directly to: National Executive Director, Marine Corps League, Post Office Box 3070, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-3070.

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NATIONAL COMMANDANT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Shall be awarded by National Commandant or his/her representative. This award is presented to a civilian, active duty military person or member of the Marine Corps League who in the opinion of the National Commandant has displayed outstanding excellence in leadership in support of the Marine Corps League and its mission.

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Heroism Medal

Shall be awarded by National Commandant or his\her representative. This medal is presented to a civilian for an act of heroism. Recommendation(s) for this medal must be in writing and sent to the National Commandant via the National Awards Committee for their recommendation for approval or disapproval. The medal will be awarded **only** to civilians who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have answered to the call of "Above and Beyond" the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was founded.

NEW CH 13-09

Marine Corps League Unit Commendation Ribbon Award (MLR)

Shall be awarded to a Young Marines Unit, Battalion, Regiment or Division for outstanding performance of duty to the community over an extended period of time, or for a single act when the Unit has performed under great competition with other Units or organizations.

This award is initiated at the request of the Marine Corps League National Commandant, Vice Commandant of a Division, Department Commandant or Detachment Commandant to the National Executive Director of the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League.

The Ribbon shall be blue with a ¼ inch white stripe 1/8 inch from each side. The National Executive Director of the Young Marines of The Marine Corps League shall provide the ribbon and any authorized devices. The respective Commandant or Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League shall provide the appropriate streamer in the colors of the ribbon for the Unit Colors. Devices for subsequent awards shall be the responsibility of the National Executive Director of the Young Marines of The Marine Corps League.

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VAVS AWARDS. The National VAVS Representative and Deputy Representatives will select at the National convention the recipients of the Detachment VAVS awards and individual award as prescribed below:

Plaques categorized by membership strength of the detachment as reflected on the current 30 June strength report roster.

Category 1: 15 to 50 members. First, Second and Third Place Plaques.

Category 2: 51 to 100 members. First, Second and Third Place Plaques.

Category 3: 101 members and up. First, Second and Third Place Plaques.

Past National Commandant's VAVS Award

Nominees for the PNC's VAVS Award must be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps League and must have served on a regular basis in the VAVS Program at a VAMC for a minimum period of at least three years. Recommendations for the PNC's VAVS Award must be made by the detachment and approved at a regular scheduled detachment meeting. Recommendations to be submitted to the National VAVS Representative to be received no later than July 1st prior to the national Convention. Recipient of the PNC's VAVS Award is entitled to wear the Marine Corps League's Community/VAVS Service ribbon.

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Detachment VAVS award recommendations should also be submitted to the National VAVS Representative to be received no later than July 1st prior to the national convention, outlining the activities of the detachment VAVS program to include total hours volunteered and monetary donations to the VAVS program.

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National Junior Vice Commandant's Awards

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100% Membership Citations

(a) 100% Membership Streamers will be given to those Detachments, Departments, and Divisions, who have achieved 100% membership during the period of 1 July through 30 June and will be Red in color with Gold lettering.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP CITATIONS AND PLAQUES

(a) Increased Membership Citations will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments, and Divisions that exceed their membership strength from 1 July through 30 June. The Citations will be presented during the National Convention each and every year.

CH 16-10 (b) Increased Membership Plaques will be awarded to all Detachments, Departments, and Divisions that exceed 100-percent membership by percentage in the following manner:

- (1) Detachment Membership from 15 to 50 members, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- (2) Detachment Membership from 51 to 100 members, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- (3) Detachment Membership from 101 to 200 members, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- (4) Detachment Membership from 201 plus, three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- (5) Department - three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- (6) Division - three (3) plaques; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AWARDS

CH 16-10 Each and every year, a special form (see Enclosure Four (4)) must be filled out by the individual member and signed by the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster. The form may be submitted to the National Junior Vice Commandant by the stated deadline either in hard copy form via mail or electronic format via an e-mail attachment; such attachment can be either a scanned copy of the properly completed and signed form or a Word document with electronic signatures. An "electronic" signature consisting of the submitting officer's membership number in place of the officer's handwritten signature shall be acceptable for electronic submissions.

RECRUITING AWARDS WILL BE ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

RECRUITING AWARDS

- (a) A Citation will be given to those members who have recruited 5 - 24 members during the year.
- (b) A National Recruiters Medal - Bronze and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) will be presented to those members who have recruited 25 -49 members during the year.
- (c) A National Recruiters Medal - Silver and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) and a plaque will be presented to those members who have recruited 50 plus members during the year.
- (d) The top Recruiter of the Year, the one individual member that has recruited the most members through his/her individual efforts will be presented the National Recruiters Medal - Gold (appropriately engraved), and a plaque in the shape of the United States with his/her name engraved thereon and the Distinguished Service Award Certificate (signifying the accomplishment).

NATIONAL CONVENTION STREAMERS - These will be awarded to those Detachments, Departments and Divisions who display the League standards at the National Convention and will be in the color of the state in which the National Convention is being held with appropriate lettering.

NOTE 2

When Departments celebrate their 50th or more Anniversaries, the medals that are struck for those Departments, and issued or sold at their respective Department Conventions to **only those who attended.**

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NOTE 3

National, Division, Department and Detachment "Marines of the Year" are eligible to wear the FMF device (Eagle, Globe & Anchor) signifying National, Division, Department and/or Detachment Marine of the Year. This device will be centered on the respective ribbon for each award. National Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the National Marine of the Year ribbon, Division Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Division Gold ribbon, Department Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Red and Gold ribbon, and Detachment Marine of the Year will wear it centered on the Red ribbon. **Prior and subsequent awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze, not necessarily Marine of the Year) will be worn with the proper stars affixed.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) When a Marine is elected to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Appointed).

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(b) When a Marine is elected to the Office of Department Commandant, the Department should present the Marine with a Department Commandant Medal.

(c) When a Marine is elected to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Appointed).

(d) When a Marine is elected to the office of Detachment Commandant, the Detachment should present the Marine with a Detachment Commandant Medal.

(e) When a Marine is elected to the Detachment Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Detachment Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the Detachment Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed).

MEDAL CHANGE(S)

The **Distinguished Citizen Medals - Gold, Silver & Bronze** were originally issued with a Green, Gold and Silver ribbon. The Gold ribbon was adorned with five (5) 5\16" Gold stars; the Silver ribbon was adorned with five (5) 5\16" Silver stars and the Bronze had NONE. These ribbons have been eliminated. Those who have been awarded the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are eligible to wear them as well as the NEW issue in the order reflected on Page 1 of Enclosure four (4).

The **Marine Corps League Medal** was formerly the only medal the League presented and was awarded for **Distinguished Service**. Those members who were awarded the medal for Distinguished Service are authorized to wear the Distinguished Service Medal in lieu thereof.

The **Distinguished Service Medal** was previously used for continuous years of membership in the Marine Corps League. The **Marine Corps League Medal** is now the **Membership** medal.

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Date _____

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This is to certify that the following Marine Corps league member has met the criteria (National Jr. Vice Commandant's Awards, Enclosure Four (4), Page 15, (National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures) by recruiting five (5) or more new members between 1 July ____ and 30 June ____.
Year Year

Detachment _____ Number _____ Department _____

Recruited by _____ Membership Card # _____

Names of New Members

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| (1) _____ | (11) _____ |
| (2) _____ | (12) _____ |
| (3) _____ | (13) _____ |
| (4) _____ | (14) _____ |
| (5) _____ | (15) _____ |
| (6) _____ | (16) _____ |
| (7) _____ | (17) _____ |
| (8) _____ | (18) _____ |
| (9) _____ | (19) _____ |
| (10) _____ | (20) _____ |

(List additional names on the back of this form)

Certified true and correct _____
Detachment Commandant

Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster

All forms must be received no later than 15 July prior to the National Convention at which the award is to be considered.

SUBMIT TO:

**NATIONAL JR VICE COMMANDANT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**NAME AND ADDRESS ON NATIONAL ROSTER
OR
E-MAIL ADDRESS LISTED ON NATIONAL ROSTER**

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National Award Criteria

When submitting a request for a National award, the request **must** include all the information regarding what the person has accomplished, not just that of serving in the Marine Corps league, but what they have accomplished within their communities, etc.

The request **must** be accompanied by form (NA-897) which reflects the required endorsements which are part of the approval process for a National award. Without the proper endorsements, the request will be returned to the submitter.

All requests for National Awards must be submitted directly to: Chairman, National Awards Committee at the address listed on the National Roster.

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**NATIONAL
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM**

From: Detachment/Department/National Vice/National Commandant;

_____ **State Your Name and Full Title**

To: National Commandant _____
Name

- Via:** (1) Department Commandant
(2) National Division Vice Commandant
(3) National Awards and Citations Committee

I _____ recommend _____ for the
Name and Title, if any **Recipient's Name**

following award _____ based upon
Be Specific on Award Type

the reason(s) attached.

From: Department Commandant
Subject: Award

Recommendation for _____
Recipients Name

Approved _____ **Disapproved** _____

Signature: Department Commandant **Department** **Date**
1st Endorsement

From: National Division Vice Commandant
Subject: Award

Recommendation for _____
Recipients Name

Approved _____ **Disapproved** _____

Signature: National Division Vice Commandant **Division** **Date**
2nd Endorsement

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From: National Awards and Citations Committee
Subject: Award

Recommendation for _____
Recipients Name

We, the National Awards and Citations Committee hereby:

Approved _____ **Disapprove** _____ **receiving of this award in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4).**

Chairman

Date

Committee Members

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Anniversary Medal Criteria

When submitting a request for an Anniversary medal, the request **must** include the design for the proposed medal and the anticipated color scheme for the ribbon. This will then be submitted according to the routing as noted on the Anniversary Medal Request Form (AMF-897).

This request **must** be submitted within a time-frame that will permit the Awards and Citations Committee to review the medal and ribbon color scheme after receiving the proper endorsements.

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
ANNIVERSARY MEDAL
REQUEST FORM

(Date)

From: Department of _____
To: National Commandant _____
Name

Via: (1) National Division Vice Commandant, _____ Division
(2) National Awards and Citations Committee

Enclosed: Picture/Drawing of Medal and/or Ribbon for ____ Anniversary

It is requested that the Department of _____ be authorized to create and wear an ____ Anniversary Medal, as depicted on the attached enclosure, to recognize our ____ year of existence. This medal/ribbon will be issued, or sold, to those in attendance in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4). We were chartered the ____ day of _____, _____.

Department Commandant

1st Endorsement

(Date)

From: National Division Vice Commandant

Subject: Anniversary Medal

Approved: _____

Disapproved: _____

National Division Vice Commandant

From: National Awards and Citations Committee

Subject: ____ Anniversary Medal

We, the National Awards and Citations Committee hereby:

Approved _____ Disapprove _____ the creation of this ____ Anniversary Medal/Ribbon in accordance with the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as set forth in Enclosure Four (4).

Chairman

(Date)

Committee Members

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