

Columbia River Detachment #826
Marine Corps League



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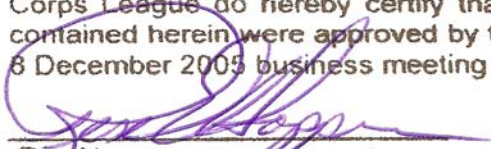
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COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT CERTIFICATION PAGE

CERTIFICATION

I, **Rex Hopper**, Commandant of the Columbia River Detachment, Marine Corps League do hereby certify that Revision A of the Detachment Bylaws contained herein were approved by the membership present and voting at the 8 December 2005 business meeting of the Columbia River Detachment.

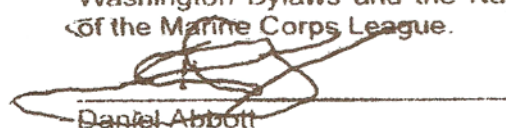


Rex Hopper
Commandant

Date: 4/28/07
Signed copy in Det. Judge Advocates file.

BYLAWS APPROVAL

I, **Daniel Abbott** Judge Advocate, Department of Washington, Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the Bylaws of the Columbia River Detachment Revision B, as contained herein, are in compliance with the Department of Washington Bylaws and the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League.



Daniel Abbott
Dept. Judge Advocate

Date: 4/29/2007

COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

CHANGE RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE Approved</u>	<u>ENTERED BY</u>
031008	Phil Ruhmshottel	Enclosure 1 Par 2B & Para 111F	041207	Adj. JF Stofiel

COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

References: Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures 1987 Edition Reprinted December 2004 Change 10 dated September 20, 2004, Department of Washington - Marine Corps League Bylaws dated June, 2004

Section 101 – Name and Purpose:

This organization shall be called “Columbia River Detachment, Marine Corps League” and is established as a non-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Washington.

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
To band those now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those honorably discharged together in fellowship so that they may effectively promote the ideals of American democracy and freedom;
To fit its members for duties of citizenship and encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served under arms;
To hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who have given their lives to the nation;
To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;
To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their widows and orphans;
To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines;

Section 102 – Bylaws:

Columbia River Detachment Bylaws shall be consistent with National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and Department of Washington Bylaws (Reference A and B respectively). Any changes to these bylaws shall be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and be presented to the membership for approval. Any and all changes are subject to approval by the Department Judge Advocate.

Section 103 – Officers:

The Detachment must elect a Commandant, a Senior Vice-Commandant, a Junior Vice-Commandant and a Judge Advocate. The Detachment Commandant shall appoint a Chaplin, a Sergeant-At-Arms, an Adjutant, a Paymaster or an Adjutant/Paymaster and such other officers as the Detachment Commandant deems necessary.

The duties of all detachment officers shall conform with Reference A, Article 2 Section 210 and Reference B, Article 3 Section 303.

Elected detachment officers are responsible to attend all business meetings of the detachment. In the event that an elected officer of the detachment has three (3) or more unexcused absences, that officer shall be removed from that position by a vote of the membership and the members shall nominate and elect a new officer to that position.

Section 104 – Meetings

The Detachment Charter (or copy of), the National colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all meetings of the Detachment. The day and time of detachment meetings will be set by a vote of the members.

Section 105 – Quorum:

The presence of a majority of the Detachment Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 106 – Trustees:

The elected officers of the Detachment shall be its Detachment Board of Trustees.

The Detachment is authorized to appoint the outgoing Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant to serve a one year term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Section 107 – Election and Installation of Officers:

Election of Officers shall be at either the March or April business meeting. Installation of Officers must be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election.

Report of Officers and Installation must be forwarded to the National Headquarters, the Division Vice-Commandant, and the Department Adjutant within fifteen (15) days of the installation.

Notwithstanding the above, the Report of Officers and installation must be received at National Headquarters no later than 30 June of each year. (Reference A, Administrative Procedures: Section 620 and Enclosure 5 as well as Bylaws: Section 530)

Section 108 – Default:

A detachment which is in default of monies from any source due National and such debt has not been satisfied as required by Reference A, Bylaws: Article One Section 105 (c) or fails to report its Detachment's Report of Officers and Installation as of 30 June prior to the National Convention such fact shall be reported to the National Convention Credentials Committee, such detachment and its officers shall not be recognized on the floor of the National Convention.

Section 109 – Members:

Membership eligibility shall conform to Reference A and B. The Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets the requirements of Reference A, Bylaws: Article Six Section 600. The Detachment shall not accept as a member any person whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the Marine Corps League. (Reference A, Bylaws: Article Five Section 540 (a) Once accepted as a member in Good standing by the Detachment membership, that member may not be removed from the Detachment's roll except for cause (Reference A, Administrative Procedures: Chapter Nine) or by that member's request for transfer (Reference A, Administrative Procedures: Section 710).

Section 110 – Uniforms:

Uniforms shall conform to Reference A, Administrative Procedures: Enclosure 3.

Section 111 – Detachment Marine of the Year:

The Detachment's Marine of the Year Committee shall have the responsibility of selecting the Detachment's Marine of the Year recipient. Enclosure one (1) of the Detachment By-Laws will be used as guidelines for the Detachment's Marine of the Year selection process.

Section 112 – Death of a Member:

Upon notification of the demise of a Detachment member, the Detachment Chaplin will immediately perform the duties of his office as delineated in Reference A, Administrative Procedures: Chapter 7, Section 720. The Detachment Chaplin will obtain and maintain an adequate supply of "Notice of Death" forms from the National Headquarters so that no delay in death notification will result from a lack of forms. It shall be the duty of all Detachment members who are not prevented by distance or unavoidable cause to attend the funeral services of a deceased member. To this end, the Detachment Commandant, with assistance of the Detachment Chaplain and Adjutant/Paymaster shall develop a plan to notify Detachment members in a timely manner.

CRDMCL Bylaws: ENCLOSURE 1 SELECTION PROCESS DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR

Purpose:

In accordance with Columbia River Detachment # 826 Bylaws, Section 111 these guidelines have been established to provide a process for the selection of the Detachment's Marine of the Year.

Composition:

- A. The Detachment Marine of the Year Committee shall be composed of all past recipients of the award.
- B. The Marine of the Year Committee shall elect a chairperson at the March meeting of the Marine of the Year Committee.
- C. The committee shall have the committee Chair and no less than three (3) members in attendance when judging and selection takes place.
- D. Each committee member must be in good standing with the Marine Corps League.

Letters of Nomination:

- A. All letters of nomination shall originate from the membership.
- B. Each member may submit more than one letter of nomination.
- C. Each letter shall contain the nominee's full name and must delineate the nominee's accomplishments and the reason for their recommendation. Form CRD-MOY01 should be used for this purpose. Forms may be obtained from the Detachment Adjutant.
- D. Each letter shall be placed in a sealed envelope, addressed and mailed to "Chairman, Marine of the Year Society".
- E. All letters shall remain sealed until the committee meets for the selection process.
- F. All letters of nomination shall be received no later than the start of the Detachment's March business meeting at which the committee shall meet and conduct the selection process.

Duties of the Marine of the Year Committee:

- A. Receive all letters of nomination and place date of receipt on envelope.
- B. Each member of the committee present at the judging shall judge each nominee and attest to their judgment by signing at the bottom of the letter of nomination.
- C. The selection shall take place at the March Detachment meeting.
- D. In accordance with the Washington Department's Marine of the Year Society, any nominations for the Department's Marine of the Year from the Detachment must be submitted at the "Department's Spring Board of Trustee Staff Meeting". This meeting is normally held in March or April.
- E. The Chair of the Detachment's Marine of the Year Committee shall follow the guidelines of the Department's Marine of the Year Society as noted in Enclosure Two (2) of the Department of Washington Marine Corps League Bylaws in submitting the Detachment's Marine of the Year to the Department's President of the Marine of the Year Society.
- F. As each detachment may submit more than one nominee per year to the Department in accordance with the Department's Bylaws, Enclosure Two, the Detachment's Marine of the Year Committee is authorized to submit our nominee(s) to the Department so that it is accomplished in a timely manner and in accordance with Department guidelines.
- G. The Marine of the Year Committee, after the selection process, shall present all other nominees who were not selected for Detachment Marine of the Year for the next highest award that can be presented by the Detachment Commandant to the awards committee.
- H. The Chair shall assure that an appropriate plaque and citation is secured for presentation to the Detachment Marine of the Year at the Detachment's Installation of Officers.
- I. The Marine of the Year Committee shall present the recipient an appropriate recognition at the closing banquet of the Detachment installation event.
- J. In the event that the recipient is not present at the closing banquet, appropriate arrangements shall be made with the Detachment Commandant for a later presentation.

COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, MCL
MARINE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

YEAR: _____

Nominations submitted shall not contain the military history of the nominee. The selection committee of the Marine of the Year Society will consider only those actions and deeds done or accomplished since his/her effective date of membership in the Marine Corps League. Nominees must be in good standing with the MCL

Name of Nominee and MCL Membership # (if known): _____

Date of nomination: _____

Date of nominee's entry into the MCL (If known): _____

Has the nominee ever been nominated for Detachment MOY? (If known): _____

Has the nominee ever been a Detachment MOY? Number of times: _____

Elected or Appointed National, Department or Detachment offices ever held by the nominee: _____

National, Department and Detachment awards earned by the nominee: _____

Write a brief explanation of the reasons you are nominating this member as the Columbia River Detachment Marine of the Year. List and describe in detail any areas where the nominee has shown outstanding effort and/or accomplishments in the areas of community service, Veteran's issues, good of the Order, or any other category you feel should be reviewed by the Marine of the Year Society selection committee. Enter your comments on the following page.

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