



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA



MINUTES - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – APRIL 29, 2017

OPENING CEREMONY:

The meeting was opened per ritual by Commandant Randy Barnes at 0912. The Mission Statement of the Marine Corps League was read.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DETACHMENTS:

Department officers in attendance included:

Commandant Randy Barnes
Sr. Vice Commandant Al Yates
Jr. Vice Commandant Guy Mitchell
Judge Advocate Barbara Brammer
Jr. Past Commandant Ron Kirstatter
Chaplain David Epps
Adjutant/Paymaster LuAnn Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Heard
Sergeant-at-Arms Ed Barbee

District Vice Commandants in attendance included:

District 1 – Don Alexander
District 2 – Frank Corrick
District 4 – Craig “Doc” McNabb
District 5 – Bill Stevens
District 6 – Harry McCann
District 7 – Levi McKenna
District 8 – Tim McClelland

Appointed Positions:

V.S.O. – Mickey Edwards
Boy Scout Coordinator – Mickey Edwards
Web Sergeant – Bill Stevens
Historian – Bernard Bledsoe

Detachments in attendance included:

Detachment 647 - L/Cpl Squire “Skip” Wells
Detachment 921 – Lt.Col. Jimmie Dyess
Detachment 970 - Middle Georgia
Detachment 1020 – “Jake” Puryear
Detachment 1040 – PFC George Eiland
Detachment 1083 – Joseph Schmittou
Detachment 1196 – Maj. Stephen W. Pless
Detachment 1260 – Maj. Lawrence Des Jardines
Detachment 1303 – Currahee Mountain
Detachment 1311 – Maj.Gen. Warren R. Johnson
Detachment 1312 – Aubrey Gilbert
Detachment 1325 – Sgt. Clyde Thomason MOH
Detachment 1339 – Henry County Leathernecks

Detachment 1373 – Central Georgia
Detachment 1402 – Columbus
Detachment 1424 – Byron
Detachment 1438 – Lake Blue Ridge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commandant Barnes noted that the minutes from the February 4, 2017, business meeting are available and have been posted on the website. Michael Clark moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they have been posted on the website. Bernard Bledsoe seconded the motion, and it was approved. The minutes were accepted with the correction of a typographical error.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Marine Corps archives are being digitized by the University of South Carolina. Michael Clark reported on the status of this project and noted that the University is in need of funds for the project.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER:

The Paymaster's report was read. Roscoe Foster moved to approve the Paymaster's Report as submitted pending financial review. Russ Vermillion seconded the motion, and it was approved. The Financial Review Committee conducted their annual review of the Paymaster's records, which included all transactions since the last Department Convention. The Committee was composed of Al Yates, Bernard Bledsoe, and Joe Barbee. Bernard Bledsoe reported that the Committee found no irregularities with the Paymaster's records for the review period.

REPORT OF MEMBERS SICKNESS OR IN DISTRESS:

The following members were acknowledged for various health issues: Howard Gould, Donald Anthony, Wirt Durden, LuAnn Miller, Duane Hiers, Thersea Dunn, and James Murphy's wife. Detachment 1196 reported the birth of a new baby in their Detachment. Chaplain Epps noted that his grandson, Isaac Epps, successfully completed the Crucible at Parris Island and is an Honor Graduate. Chaplain Epps has a second grandson at Parris Island.

Detachments throughout Georgia lost 28 members since the last Department meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Judge Advocate: Barbara Brammer noted that there has been no Chapter 9 activity in the last two years. The Bylaws Committee composed of Roscoe Foster, Bernard Bledsoe, Silas Brown, and Judge Advocate Brammer met on February 25, 2017, to review and make recommendations on the proposed Bylaws amendments, all of which were timely received. Judge Advocate Brammer requested that Detachments submit complete officer contact information when filling out their Reports of Officer Installation forms. Having access to this contact information is critical for Department officers when they need to send out Delegate forms or proposed Bylaws amendments. She also thanked the membership for allowing her to serve and noted that it has been a good year.

Junior Vice Commandant: Guy Mitchell reported that we will honor Detachments and individuals for their outstanding membership performance at the convention banquet by announcing the winners of the Burkhardt Award, the Big Al Meade Award, and the Grits Bowl. He noted that the Detachments did a

good job in bringing down delinquencies during the last several months and encouraged the Detachments to keep their rosters clean as we transition to the new renewal system.

Senior Vice Commandant: Al Yates reported that a lot of good information was shared at the Commandant's Council and he thanked the Detachments for their participation.

Commandant: Randy Barnes thanked the membership for their attendance at this year's Convention and noted that we are still looking for a Detachment to host the 2018 Convention. Commandant Barnes reported that the Department currently has 276 unpaid members and a total of 651 life members. Each Jr. Vice Commandant needs to step up and get their rosters cleaned up. Commandant Barnes also noted that he will be running for another term as Department Commandant.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Bernard Bledsoe reported that every Detachment received a copy of the proposed Bylaws changes. All proposed changes were timely submitted, and the Bylaws Committee recommended approval of all proposed Bylaws amendments. Copies of the proposed Bylaws amendments are appended to these minutes, and a brief overview of each proposed change is provided herein.

Bylaws Change 1

ARTICLE ONE ORGANIZATION, Section 120 - HEADQUARTERS AND MEETINGS (b)

The current Bylaws require that the Department Convention and election of Department officers must be held from May 1 to July 15. The proposed amendment changes these dates to April 15 to July 15. The Bylaws Committee recommended approval. Michael Clark moved to accept Bylaws Change 1. The motion was seconded by Hal Gosnell. Bill Miller raised concerns that the proposed date changes are not reflected in all areas of the Bylaws. Bernard Bledsoe noted that all related dates will be changed with the adoption of Change 1. Bylaws Change 1 was approved.

Bylaws Change 2

ARTICLE TWO, Section 210 (d) - THE JUDGE ADVOCATE (4)

The proposed amendment provides that all dates will be listed a single time in the Bylaws with all other sections referencing that initial location. The Bylaws Committee recommended approval. Under this proposed amendment, the Bylaws Committee must receive all proposed amendments and convene their meeting between February 15 and March 15. Levi McKenna moved to accept Bylaws Change 2. The motion was seconded by Bill Miller and was approved.

Bylaws Change 3

ARTICLE ONE ORGANIZATION, Section 220 – DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS, a(1) & d(1)

The proposed amendment provides that the wording in the Duties of Appointed Officers section of the Bylaws dealing with the Adjutant be changed from "appointed by" to "selected by." Also proposed is adding the "selected by" provision to the Sgt.-at-Arms Duties section of the Bylaws. Both proposed changes are intended to keep all appointed officer requirements consistent within the Bylaws. Ron Kirstatter moved to accept Bylaws Change 3. The motion was seconded by Richard Jones and was approved.

Bylaws Change 4

SECTION 700 – AMENDMENTS – CHANGES

The Bylaws currently has 60 days, 45 days, and February 15 for timing of submission of amendments. The proposed amendment replaces these with references to a single Bylaw Section where the deadline for submission of amendments is listed and adds a note warning of the dependency of the Convention date and the date of submission of Bylaws amendments. Michael Clark moved to accept Bylaws Change 4.

The motion was seconded by Donald Alexander. Barbara Brammer identified a typographical error in Note 2, and Bill Miller noted that Bylaws Changes 4 and 6 will create further conflict within the Bylaws. Bernard Bledsoe noted that approval of Bylaws Change 2 will correct this. The motion was approved.

Bylaws Change 5

ENCLOSURE 3 - CRITICAL EVENTS CHART

The Critical Events Chart conflicts in some areas with the Bylaws. This chart was created for convenience only. If there is a conflict between the Bylaws and the Critical Events Chart, the Bylaws take precedence. The proposed amendment allows the Judge Advocate to administratively revise the Critical Events Chart as needed. Bill Miller noted that the membership does not have to vote on this change as this change just confirms what should have been done in the past. David Epps moved to accept Bylaws Change 5. The motion was seconded by Michael Clark and was approved.

Bylaws Change 6

SECTION 701 - NOTES IN THE BYLAWS

This new section allows notes to be added throughout the Bylaws. These notes will prompt the reader to look elsewhere in the Bylaws for related information. The proposed amendment adds Section 701 which will summarize all notes appearing in the Bylaws. Ron Kirstatter moved to accept Bylaws Change 6. The motion was seconded by Harry McCann and was approved.

The approved amendments will be incorporated into the Department Bylaws and will be submitted to National for review. Following approval by National, the amended Bylaws will be posted on the Department website. Judge Advocate Brammer commended the Bylaws Committee for their diligence and hard work.

BOY SCOUT COORDINATOR: Mickey Edwards reported that Boy Scout coins are now available.

The business meeting recessed at 1019 and was reopened at 1040.

MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: Joe Barbee announced that the Committee will meet immediately following the business meeting.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Judge Advocate Brammer reported that Detachment voting strength is based on the Delegate Registration forms timely received. If a Detachment's form was not received, the members of that Detachment will vote individually. Four Detachments did not submit convention support and are ineligible to participate in delegate voting. The Report of the Credentials Committee indicated that forms were received from the following Detachments: 647, 970, 1020, 1040, 1196, 1260, 1280, 1303, 1311, 1312, 1325, 1373, 1402, and 1424. These Detachments will be voting their delegate strength. Members of the remaining Detachments will vote individually.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Department of Alabama Convention will be held in Dothan, Alabama, from June 9-11, 2017. The convention is being hosted by the Wiregrass Detachment.

The National Convention will be held in Overland Park, Kansas, from August 13-18, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Bommert, who retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2012, attended the meeting on behalf of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Georgia. He outlined the mission of the Council and

described how the Council provides assistance to veterans. He explained that it is beneficial to have a single organization that coordinates all Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). Representatives from all VSOs are represented on the Council. The Council can provide assistance to the various VSOs and veterans including direct support (such as companion dogs) and mentorship; but they primarily coordinate resources.

Detachment 1373 volunteered to host the 2018 Department Convention.

Frank Goalen thanked the membership for their generosity and support in response to his medical crisis during the 2016 National Convention. He noted that his medical expenses have been paid and he requested that the funds being held by the Department on his behalf be donated to the Marine Corps League Foundation. Bill Miller, representing the Marine Corps League Foundation, thanked Frank and the Detachments for their support.

The Convention Host Detachment announced that a virtual shooting booth will be open following the business meeting.

Jim Marsh of Detachment 647 noted that the Southeast Division Conference will be in Pigeon Forge next year.

Johnny Baker, National Judge Advocate, expressed his appreciation for our hospitality. He noted that the Grits Bowl competition is unmatched in the nation and commended both Departments for their efforts in increasing membership. National Judge Advocate Baker reported that they are working hard at National. The League was in bad financial shape, and we have come a long way in the last two years. He noted that it took us a long time to get into that situation, and it will take a long time to get back out, but efforts are continuing. The National budget is currently in the black. Many of the “other” categories have been eliminated from the budget so that the Board and membership will know from where every penny comes and where every penny goes. He reported that the new National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division is Archie Sweet, and Michael Clark will be stepping up as Assistant National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division. National Judge Advocate Baker explained the proposed Bylaws changes that will be discussed at the National Convention. Many items currently in the Bylaws will be moved into the Administrative Procedures, which will allow the National elected officers to more effectively manage the business of the League. He noted that Detachment elected officers have this same fiduciary (legal) responsibility for their Detachments. The National Judge Advocate reported that he was involved in about 40 cases during his time in office, none of which originated in Georgia. He encouraged Detachments to be diligent in vetting new members. Finally, Johnny Baker announced he is running for National Jr. Vice Commandant at the National Convention and thanked the membership for their support.

The business meeting recessed at 1119 and was reopened at 1132.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bernard Bledsoe chaired the election and noted that the order of election is Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate.

Commandant: Bill Miller nominated Randy Barnes; the nomination was seconded by Guy Mitchell. Randy Barnes accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received, and the Department Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for Randy Barnes for Department Commandant.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Barbara Brammer nominated Al Yates; the nomination was seconded by David Knopf. Al Yates accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received, and the Department Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for Al Yates for Department Sr. Vice Commandant.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Bill Stevens nominated Guy Mitchell; the nomination was seconded by Tim Cook. Guy Mitchell declined the nomination. Frank Goalen nominated Larry Heard; the nomination was seconded by Guy Mitchell. Larry Heard accepted the nomination. Robert King nominated Barbara Brammer; the nomination was seconded by David Knopf. Barbara Brammer accepted the nomination. The candidates spoke about their qualifications for the position. By a vote of 616 to 33, Larry Heard was elected Department Jr. Vice Commandant.

Judge Advocate: Richard Jones nominated Silas Brown; the nomination was seconded by Harry McCann. Silas Brown accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received, and the Department Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for Silas Brown for Department Judge Advocate.

Elections were closed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Commandant Randy Barnes thanked the membership for their continued confidence and noted that the membership selected a good team that will continue the efforts of the Department of Georgia.

Commandant Barnes presented Department Certificates of Appreciation to Al Yates, Guy Mitchell, Barbara Brammer, David Epps, LuAnn Miller, Larry Heard, Ed Barbee, Bill Stevens, Mickey Edwards, Bob Force, Charles Polk, Rick Thompson, Hank Berkowitz, Harry McCann, Craig "Doc" McNabb, Levi McKenna, Tim McClelland, and Tom Coursey.

Tom Coursey provided information about an upcoming golf tournament

Ron Kirstatter reported that Department of Georgia logo decals are available at a cost of \$10 each.

Detachment 1373 will be holding a rifle auction. Tickets are \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next staff meeting will be held July 29, 2017, in LaGrange, Georgia, with the location to be announced. A training session, possibly Commandant training, will be held.

Joe Barbee announced that the Growl will begin at 1315; pups must arrive at 1300.

The Business Meeting was recessed until the banquet at 1900.

Submitted by:
LuAnn K. Miller
Adjutant/Paymaster
Department of Georgia
Marine Corps League

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 1 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant, Department of Georgia

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

Present: ARTICLE ONE ORGANIZATION, Section 120 – HEADQUARTERS AND MEETINGS b.

b. The Annual Convention and meeting for the election of officers shall be held between May 1st and July 15th each year. Installation of Officers is to occur during the convention. The Installation Report of the results of this election will be prepared immediately by the incoming Department Adjutant and initialed and/or signed by the Installing Officer; this report will then be distributed as per the listing on the bottom of the form. This Installation Report is to arrive at National Headquarters no later than 31 July.

Proposed: ARTICLE ONE ORGANIZATION, Section 120 – HEADQUARTERS AND MEETINGS b.

b. The Annual Convention and meeting for the election of officers shall be held between April 15th and July 15th each year. Installation of Officers is to occur during the convention. The Installation Report of the results of this election will be prepared immediately by the incoming Department Adjutant and initialed and/or signed by the Installing Officer; this report will then be distributed as per the listing on the bottom of the form. This Installation Report is to arrive at National Headquarters no later than 31 July. NOTE 1

NOTE 1 – Changes in the time frame set for the Department Convention will require a change to the submission deadline for proposed Amendments/Changes in Section 700.

Reasoning: While the Department Bylaws allow the Department of Georgia Conventions to be held between May 1st and July 15th, the Convention has been held in the month of May for at least the last twenty-five years. We have learned that if we hold our Convention on the Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend attendance is reduced. Many take family vacations during June or July and that might also reduce attendance. That means that a potential Host Detachment can negotiate with a hotel for one of only two favorable weekends in May. An earlier possible Convention date of April 15th would make two or three addition weekends that are not a part of the major vacation season available.

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 2 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant, Department of Georgia

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

Present: ARTICLE TWO, Section 210 – d. The JUDGE ADVOCATE:, (4)

(4) Shall act as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. In this capacity the Judge Advocate will review all Department meeting minutes and, in the event that a motion has been passed necessitating change in the department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, properly frame the motion, determine where the change shall be inserted and provide this information to the Detachments as described in Section 700 (b). In addition, the Judge Advocate shall receive and review all proposed changes to the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in writing. The deadline for receipt of proposed changes shall be **15 February** and may be submitted by individual members, Detachments, or the Department Commandant. Such proposed changes shall be annotated and presented at the meeting of the Bylaws Committee which shall convene annually between **15 February** and **15 March**. The committee shall review all proposed changes and prepare two lists—one of those changes approved by the committee and one of those changes not approved by the committee. Both lists shall be mailed by the *Department *Adjutant to each *Detachment *Commandant and *Judge *Advocate within fifteen (15) days of the Bylaws Committee meeting. Those approved by the committee shall be presented by the Judge Advocate for consideration adoption at the next Department Convention. Those not approved by the committee may be presented by the originator or interested party for discussion and consideration by the body at the Annual Department Convention. *Correction to Capital letters

Proposed: d. The JUDGE ADVOCATE:

(4) Shall act as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. In this capacity the Judge Advocate will review all Department meeting minutes and, in the event that a motion has been passed necessitating change in the department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, properly frame the motion, determine where the change shall be inserted and provide this information to the Detachments as described in Section 700 (b). In addition, the Judge Advocate shall receive and review all proposed changes to the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in writing **as described in SECTION 700, a**. Such proposed changes shall be annotated and presented at the meeting of the Bylaws Committee which shall convene annually **during the 30 day period following the deadline for receipt of proposed changes as defined in SECTION 700, a**. The committee shall review all proposed changes and **prepare two lists**, one of those changes **approved** by the committee and one of those changes **not approved** by the committee. Both lists **shall be sent to Department Adjutant**. The lists shall be mailed by the **D**epartment **A**djutant to the **C**ommandant and **J**udge **A**dvocate of **each D**etachment within fifteen (15) days of the Bylaws Committee meeting. Those approved by the committee shall be presented by the Judge Advocate for consideration adoption at the next Department Convention. Those not approved by the committee may be presented by the originator or interested party for discussion and consideration by the body at the Annual Department Convention.

Reasoning: a. The receive date should be only in the primary location and referred to from any related location. Should that date be changed for any reason, there will be no conflicting date elsewhere in the BYLAWS.

b. It should be clear that the Department Adjutant will have the responsibility for distribution.

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 3 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant, Department of Georgia

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

ARTICLE ONE ORGANIZATION, Section 220 – DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS,
a., (1); & d., (1);

Location A:

Present: a. The ADJUTANT
(1) Is appointed by ...

Proposed (1) Is selected by ...

Location B:

Present: d. The SGT – AT - ARMS:
(1) Shall preserve order ...

(2) Shall perform

Proposed: d. The SGT – AT - ARMS:

Insert a new line 1:

(1) Is selected by the Department Commandant and must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Change current (1) to (2) Shall preserve order ...

Change current (2) to (3) Shall perform

Reasoning:

The selection, approval and appointment process is the same for all appointed officers in the same and should be reflected as such in our BYLAWS.

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 4 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant, Department of Georgia

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

Present: SECTION 700 – AMENDMENTS – CHANGES

a. Recommendations for Amendments/Changes to the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be received in writing by the Department Judge Advocate, not less than sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled Department Meeting, in order to be considered by the body at that meeting. Copies of these recommendations shall also be mailed to all Detachment Commandants and Judge Advocates by the Department Adjutant not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled meeting. All changes shall be received by February 15 for consideration at the Department Convention.

Proposed: SECTION 700 – AMENDMENTS – CHANGES

a. Recommendations for Amendments/Changes to the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for consideration at the Department Convention shall be received in writing by the Department Judge Advocate. Individual members, Detachments, or the Department Commandant may submit Amendments or Changes. The deadline for receipt of proposed changes shall be 15 February. Review of these recommendations by the Department Bylaw Committee shall be conducted as directed in SECTION 210, d., (4). Copies of these recommendations shall also be mailed to all Detachment Commandants and Judge Advocates by the Department Adjutant as proscribed in SECTION 210, d., (4).

NOTE 2 – Changes in the time frame set for the Department Convention, Section 120, will require a change in the submission deadline for proposed Amendments/Changes. At least 90 days should be allowed prior to earliest allowed Convention date to allow time for the Bylaw Committee review, distribution to Detachments and Detachment review period. See Section 210, d., (4).

Reasoning: The method for submitting proposed changes and the “fixed date” deadline for receipt of those changes is clearly stated. With this change and Change 2, there is only a single location of the deadline and Sections 210, d and 700 refer to each other. Note 2 cautions those who make future changes to the deadline date. Note 1 on Section 120 ties that section to section 700 should the earliest date for our Department Convention be changed.

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 5 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Bylaw Committee

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

A. Present: ENCLOSURE 3,- CRITICAL EVENTS CHART
No Statement

A. Proposed: Insert the following below the title and above the table:

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If a question is raised about the "Description" in this Enclosure, and in the opinion of the Judge Advocate the description should and can be improved, then the Judge Advocate is authorized to make that change. Such a change will not be considered a change in the Bylaws. Should the Judge Advocate make a change, a Notice of Change will be sent to the Department Adjutant for distribution to each member of the Board of Trustees and to each Detachment. That distribution may be done via e-mail. The Judge Advocate will also announce the change and reasoning for the change at the next Staff Meeting or Convention.

B. Present: **CRITICAL EVENTS CHART**

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**Department of
Georgia,
Marine Corps
League
Deadline
(no later than)**

Description

Bylaws Reference

	DESCRIPTION	Article/ Section
02/15	Deadline for receipt of proposed changes to Department Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedures in writing to Department judge Advocate	2/ 210,d,4
02/15	Deadline for advance information on the Department Convention provided to each Detachment.	3/ 320,a
02/15	Deadline for receipt of proposed changes to Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for consideration at the Department Convention.	7/700,a
Between 02/15 and 03/15	Proposed Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedure changes annotated and presented to the annual meeting of the Bylaws committee by Department judge Advocate	2/ 210,d,4
02/25	Deadline for Paymaster to issue a reminder to Detachments of the \$20.00 Convention support fee.	3/ 330,b
APRIL		
04/15	Detachment in default of due payments or funds shall be reported.	1/ 170,d
04/15	Detachment list of Alternates and/or Delegates mailed to the Credentials Committee.	1/ 170,h
04/15	Deadline for submission of the \$20 Convention support fee from Detachments to Department Paymaster.	1/ 170,h
04/01	Deadline for Detachments to submit nominations for "Marine of the Year" and "associate of the Year" to Department Paymaster.	4/ 400,g
04/10	Department Paymaster forwards Detachment nominations to appropriate Committee Chair.	4/ 400,g

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	APRIL	
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Reasoning: This ENCLOSURE was added as an aid to our members. The referenced Section of the Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, or other Enclosures detail the intent our members. I believe that we can entrust our Judge Advocate with the authority and responsibility to manage this Enclosure. Should future changes or questions occur, the statement proposed for the top of this Enclosure will insure that our members are kept informed.

Date: February 13, 2017

Change 6 - Approved

To: Judge Advocate, Department of Georgia

From: Bylaw Committee, Department of Georgia

Subject: Proposed Change to Department of Georgia Bylaws

Present: SECTION 701 – NOTES IN THE BYLAWS

Does not now exist.

Proposed: Insert this new Section following SECTION 700 and before the CHANGE DATES Section at the end of the BYLAW Sections.

SECTION 701 – NOTES IN THE BYLAWS

a. NOTES may be included in the BYLAWS, ADMINISTRATED PROCEDURES, or ENCLOSURES. The location and content of those NOTES are listed here.

NOTE 1- Section 120, d.

NOTE 1 – Changes in the time fame set for the Department Convention will require a change to the submission Deadline for proposed Amendments/Changes in Section 700.

NOTE 2- Section 700

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