



UNICOI DETACHMENT #783
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AN ACT

To incorporate the Marine Corps League

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 1. That major General John A. Lejeune, United States Marine Corps, retired, honorary national commandant; Maurice A. Ilch, national commandant; Roy S. Taylor, senior national vice commandant; Kenneth B. Collings, junior vice commandant; Alexander F. Ormsby, national judge advocate; Reverend John H. Clifford, national chaplain; Edward A. Walker, national sergeant at arms; John B. Hinckley, Junior, national adjutant and paymaster; John E. Brock, national chief of staff, are hereby created a body corporate of the name "Marine Corps League."

SEC. 2. That the purposes of this corporation shall be: (a) to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps; (b) to band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; (c) to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms; (d) to hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation; (e) to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic; (f) to maintain true allegiance to American institutions; (g) to create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civil life; (h) to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their widows and orphans; (i) to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines.

SEC. 3. That the corporation: (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the organization; (c) may sue or may be sued; (d) may adopt a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (e) may adopt and alter by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of any State; (f) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; (g) may appoint or elect officers and agents; (h) may choose a board of trustees, consisting of not more than fifteen persons nor less than five persons, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (i) may acquire, by purchase, devise, bequest, gift or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes; and (j) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

SEC. 4. That the corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings and activities for the preceding calendar year, including the full and complete statement of its receipts and expenditures. Such report shall not be printed as public documents.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 4, 1937.

Approved
Aug 4
1937
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Wm. B. Rowley
Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate pro tempore

PREAMBLE

In the name of the beneficent God of all, we who have honorably served, or are now honorably serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, for the common good of this Nation, and all the nations and people of our world, and in order that the fundamental rights and freedom of every person may be preserved, to foster interest in the affairs of the United States Marine Corps, to protect and advance the welfare of wounded and disabled Marines and their dependents, and for the further purposes set forth hereinafter, do solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in a non-profit corporation know as the "Marine Corps League" and order and establish these Bylaws.

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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SECTION 100 – Authority

1. The Unicoi Detachment, Marine Corps League, Inc. exists as a subordinate unit of the Department of Georgia Marine Corps League and the National organization known and chartered as the Marine Corps League.
2. The authority of the Detachment derives from the authority of the Department of Georgia and the National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
3. The Detachment’s authority is vested in the elected Detachment staff, as approved, and directed by the membership through these Detachment Bylaws.
4. The Detachment will act under these Detachment Bylaws as the guide in the conduct of Detachment business and shall consider that Department of Georgia Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall prevail in any instance, except where noted in the Detachment Bylaws. The normal conduct of Detachment meetings shall be as prescribed in the Marine Corps League Ritual. However, where circumstances or conditions dictate, the prescribed “Order of Business” may be modified to accommodate the needs of the meeting.
5. Meetings shall be governed by these Detachment Bylaws in accordance with Department of Georgia Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. In any case not covered by the Department or National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised will prevail.

SECTION 110 – Name, Organization and Purpose

1. The name of the organization defined under these Detachment Bylaws shall be “Unicoi Detachment #783, Marine Corps League”.
2. Not for Profit – The Detachment is not organized for and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit.
 - a. No part of the property of the corporation and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, member, or other private individual.
 - b. The Detachment shall never be authorized to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit or in any other activity except in furtherance of the purposes for which the Marine Corps League, the Department of Georgia Marine Corps League, and the Detachment are organized.
3. These Detachment Bylaws are to conform to the bylaws, administrative procedures, regulations, and policies of the Marine Corps League and the Department of Georgia,

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Marine Corps League. Any bylaws subsequently determined by the Department of Georgia or National Headquarters Marine Corps League to be inconsistent with said bylaws, administrative procedures, regulations, or policies shall be null and void.

4. The fiscal year for the Detachment shall be July 1st – June 30th.

SECTION 120 – Headquarters and Meetings

1. Headquarters
 - a. The headquarters and business address of the Unicoi Detachment shall be as directed by the elected Commandant, with the approval of the Executive Committee. Immediately, upon assumption of office, together with appropriate Report of Installation, such addresses shall be published to all parties concerned.
 - b. It is the responsibility of the incoming Commandant and Staff to ensure that the Department and National Marine Corps League are notified of any address change, as a result of elections and/or any other change in status at the Detachment level.
 - c. The location, dates and times of meetings is at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
2. Meetings
 - a. The location, dates and times of meetings is at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - i. Immediately, upon the election of officers, together with appropriate Report of Installation, such addresses shall be published to all parties concerned.
 - ii. It is the responsibility of the incoming Commandant and Staff to ensure that the Department and National Marine Corps League are notified of any address change, as a result of elections and/or any other change in status at the Detachment level.
 - b. For purposes of conducting official business, a quorum shall be no less than two (2) Board of Trustees members, plus three (3) regular members who are in good standing.
 - c. Voting – A two-thirds majority vote by the regular members, in good standing, in attendance, shall carry any measure and decide any issue at any/all Detachment meetings.
 - d. To allow for the timely review by members, the Minutes of regular monthly meetings shall, within 7 days of the meeting, be sent via email to all Detachment members with a valid e-mail address or posted to the Detachment's website.

SECTION 130 – Membership Requirements and Dues

1. Membership and eligibility for membership shall be as defined in National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
2. National annual dues, initiation fees and Life membership dues are as directed by National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

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3. The Department Convention shall determine the amount of Department per capita dues.
4. The Detachment shall fix the amount of its membership dues, which shall include the Department and National per capita dues and fees. All per capita dues and monies which are due Department and National Headquarters shall be forwarded without delay.

SECTION 140 – Eligibility for Office, Elected and Appointed

1. Any regular member, who is in good standing in the Detachment, and has been a member for a minimum of one full year, shall be eligible to hold any elected office in the Detachment.
2. All elected officers of the Detachment must meet all requirements for regular membership as defined under National Marine Corps League Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
3. Candidates for elected office in the Detachment must be present and state that they are willing and able to accept the duties of office, if elected.
4. Candidates will be nominated by the Nominating Committee, in accordance with Detachment Bylaws.
5. All other officers, appointed by the Detachment Commandant, or the body, and approved by the Executive Committee, must be regular or associate members of the Detachment in good standing.

SECTION 150 – Election Procedures

1. Elections shall be held annually in May. Installation of officers will be held at that meeting. The Installation Report of the results of this election will be prepared immediately by the incoming Adjutant and initialed and/or signed by the Installing Officer; this report will then be distributed per the listing on the bottom of the form.
2. Before voting begins, the Detachment Commandant shall call for a report from the Nominating Committee. The Committee Chair will read the list of candidates for elected office. The Detachment Commandant, if running for elected office, shall then pass the gavel and the Chair to the most recent Past Commandant not running for elected office.
3. Nominations will first be held for the office of Detachment Commandant followed by election of the Detachment Commandant, and in order, nomination and election of the Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate.
4. During the election process, no member in attendance may leave the room, and no new member may be admitted.
5. Nominations may be made only by regular members.
6. A majority of votes is required to elect an officer. If a simple majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a call for caucus may be entertained by the Chair with a caucus of not more than five (5) minutes to follow to permit reconsideration.
7. Should a majority fail to prevail on the second ballot, the candidate with the least votes shall be dropped as a contender and balloting shall continue, dropping the candidate with the least number of votes until a simple majority is achieved. The Sergeant-At-Arms will ensure the room remains secure during caucus.

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8. In the event there is only one candidate for a particular office at the close of nominations for that office, the Detachment Adjutant will be directed to cast one unanimous vote for the candidate and such action, and the results of the vote shall be duly recorded in the minutes.
9. If two or more candidates are nominated for any position, each candidate will be asked to give a brief presentation, lasting less than three minutes, detailing his/her experiences with the League, including offices held, committee assignments, etc., and their plan for the next year in the Detachment office for which they have been nominated.
10. The nomination and election process shall continue until all officers are elected.
11. Nomination and election of officers shall occur annually and shall provide for election of the officers defined.
12. Installation of officers will take place at the end of the meeting.

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SECTION 200 – Detachment Officers

1. Elected Detachment Staff: The elected Detachment staff is the Detachment Executive Committee and consists of the following: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Jr Past Commandant.
2. Appointed Detachment Staff: The Detachment appointed staff includes but is not limited to the following officers who are nominated by the Detachment Commandant-Elect, with the approval of the Executive Committee: Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain, and Sergeant-At-Arms.
3. Regular members may serve in a dual capacity as elected or appointed officers, but at no time may they hold more than one elected officer position.
4. Associate members may only serve in a dual capacity as appointed officers.
5. Committees: Committees shall be appointed as required by the Detachment Commandant with the approval of the Executive Committee, to meet the needs of the Detachment.
 - a. All Committee Chairs are responsible to the staff for timely response and reports as directed.
 - b. Standing Committees are, but not limited to, the following: Financial Committee, Awards Committee, Bylaws Committee, Nominating Committee and MOY/AMOY Committee.
6. The Commandant, or his/her appointee, shall be reimbursed for hotel stay and mileage in order to attend Department Quarterly Meetings each year.
 - a. Hotel reimbursement will be based on the standard, or group rate, at the host hotel and shall not exceed more than two (2) nights.
 - b. Mileage will be based on the current allowable mileage rate as outlined by the IRS.

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SECTION 210 – Duties of Detachment Elected Officers

1. The Detachment Commandant (COM)

- a. Shall serve as Corporate Executive Officer (CEO), conduct all Detachment and staff meetings.
- b. Shall, with the guidance of the Judge Advocate, rule on all matters at all Detachment meetings.
- c. Shall be responsible to the membership for the supervision of the elected and appointed staff and all committees.
- d. Shall exercise such prerogatives as may be necessary between meetings to maintain the objectives of the Marine Corps League, the Department of Georgia, and the Unicoi Detachment by carrying out the duties of the office as defined under National, Department and Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and as necessary in good judgment for the good of the League.
- e. Shall be responsible to the membership to account for all actions to the satisfaction of a majority of the members present at any Detachment meeting.
- f. The Detachment Commandant is ex-officio of all committees, may attend all meetings, express an opinion, and cast votes.
- g. Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election for one additional consecutive term.

2. The Detachment Senior Vice Commandant (SVC)

- a. Shall serve as the Corporate Secretary (CS), assume the duty as Detachment Commandant in the absence of, or in the event that the Detachment Commandant declines to continue, or is unable to continue, or for any other reason which causes the elected Commandant to be unable to perform his/her specific duties, for the remainder of the term.
- b. Shall be responsible for the development and implementation of fundraising programs in support of the Detachment.
- c. Shall assist the Detachment Commandant and act as principal advisor to both the Detachment Commandant and Junior Vice Commandant on matters relating to Recruitment.
- d. Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected.

3. The Detachment Junior Vice Commandant (JCV)

- a. Shall serve as Corporate Financial Officer (CFO) and be prepared to assume the duties of the Senior Vice Commandant in his/her absence. In the absence of both the Detachment Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant, be prepared to assume the duty as Detachment Commandant.
- b. Shall be responsible for the development and implementation of recruiting/retention programs in support of the Detachment.
- c. Shall perform other duties as directed by the Detachment Commandant.
- d. Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected.

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4. The Detachment Judge Advocate (JA)

- a. Shall be thoroughly familiar with National, Department, and Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and shall be at the call of the Detachment to advise regarding interpretation of these Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
- b. Shall express opinions regarding application of Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and give advice to the Chair when requested.
- c. Shall respond in writing to written inquiries, noting concurrence by the National or Department Judge Advocate where appropriate, and shall respond to telephone inquiries on a tentative basis with a written response, as previously noted, to follow.
- d. Shall act as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.
 - i. In this capacity the Judge Advocate will review all Detachment meeting minutes and, in the event that a motion has been passed necessitating a change in the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, properly frame the motion, determine where the change shall be inserted, and provide this information to the Detachment as described in Section 400.
 - ii. The Judge Advocate shall convene a meeting of the Bylaws Committee as necessary to review all proposed changes and prepare a report of those changes which were approved and those changes which were not approved by the committee.
 - iii. The Judge advocate shall present the approved changes to the Detachment for consideration of adoption at the next Detachment meeting.
 - iv. Those changes not approved by the committee may be presented by the originator or interested party for discussion and consideration by the Detachment.
 - v. Shall submit all changes to the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which were approved by the Detachment to the Department Judge Advocate for final approval.
- e. Shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may stand for re-election for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected.

SECTION 220 – Duties of Detachment Appointed Officers

1. The Adjutant

- a. Shall be appointed by the Detachment Commandant.
- b. Shall act as Administrative Secretary to the Detachment and the elected staff.
 - i. In this capacity, the Adjutant shall keep a written and/or electronic record of all Detachment meetings, with the exception of committee meetings, who will record their own minutes.
 - ii. At the conclusion of meetings, the Adjutant will prepare a summary written report of the meeting.

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- iii. A copy of all these reports shall be furnished at the next Detachment meeting to all members of the elected staff, to concerned appointed officers and special staff, and upon request to any member of the Detachment.
- c. Shall notify Department and National Headquarters of changes which occur between elections in reportable Detachment positions (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Judge Advocate, Adjutant and/or Paymaster, etc.).

2. The Paymaster

- a. Shall be appointed by the Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- b. The Paymaster is the authorized fiscal agent for the Detachment and primary signee on all detachment bank accounts.
- c. The Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant shall be the secondary signees on all detachment bank accounts.
- d. Shall receive dues and prepare and submit membership transmittals and funds to the Department Paymaster.
- e. Shall be prepared for an annual review of all Detachment financial records, and/or whenever the position of Paymaster is vacated for any reason between elections, and at any other time deemed necessary by the Detachment officers.
- f. Shall present a financial report at regularly scheduled Detachment meetings.
- g. The Paymaster shall be the primary signer on all banking documents, pay authorized bills, and assure legitimacy of funds disbursed through budget and/or Board of Trustees approval.
- g. Approval of expenditures shall be as follows:
 - i. The Commandant may approve any expenditure of up to \$200.00.
 - ii. Any/All expenditures exceeding \$200.00 and up to \$500.00 must be first approved by the Finance Committee.
 - iii. Any expenditure over \$500.00 must first be approved by the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees and then presented to the general membership for approval at a regular meeting, or a meeting called specifically for such purpose.

3. The Chaplain

- a. Shall be appointed by the Detachment Commandant.
- b. Shall maintain a record of all members in distress, sick or recently deceased.
- c. Shall ensure that this record is available for a report at scheduled meetings and that appropriate honors are provided at scheduled memorial services.
- d. Shall ensure that all members concerned are informed for initiation of appropriate action in support of living members or for the next of kin.
- e. Shall ensure that appropriate condolence cards and/or other remembrances are provided members or members families.
- f. Shall ensure that proper paperwork (death notices) is forwarded to Department Chaplain.
- g. Shall open and close all Detachment meetings with an invocation/prayer per the Marine Corps League Ritual.

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4. The Sergeant-At-Arms

- a. Shall be appointed by the Detachment Commandant.
- b. Shall set up the meeting room prior to any meeting to ensure that all properties are in place (Charter, Bible, Colors, etc.) and shall be responsible for any properties as directed by the Detachment Commandant.
- c. Shall preserve order at Detachment meetings.
- d. Shall perform other duties as required by the Detachment Commandant.

SECTION 230 – Vacancies in Elected Detachment Offices

1. If for any reason the Detachment Commandant is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant (if he/she chooses) shall assume the duties of the Detachment Commandant for the remaining term.
2. If the Senior Vice Commandant chooses not to advance, the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant (if he/she chooses) shall assume the duties of the Detachment Commandant for the remainder of the term.
3. If both the Senior and the Junior Vice Commandants choose not to advance, the Executive Committee shall select a member who is eligible to hold elected office to fill the vacancy in the office of Commandant for the remainder of the term.
4. If for any reason the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant (if he/she chooses) shall assume the duties of the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term. If the Junior Vice Commandant chooses not to advance, the Detachment Commandant with the approval of the Executive Committee will select a member who is eligible to hold elected office to fill the vacancy in the office of Senior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term.
5. If for any reason the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Detachment Commandant with the approval of the Executive Committee will select a member who is eligible to hold elected office to fill the vacancy in the office of Junior Vice Commandant for the remainder of the term.
6. If for any reason the Detachment Judge Advocate is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Detachment Commandant with the approval of the Executive Committee will select a member who is eligible to hold elected office to fill the vacancy in the office of Judge Advocate for the remainder of the term.
7. In addition to death, resignation or incapacitation, a vacancy will occur if an officer becomes arrears in their membership dues, through the failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Detachment (unless excused for cause), or in the case of removal from office for cause after due process.

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SECTION 300 – Committees

1. The Commandant, with approval from the Board of Trustees may appoint, from time to time, such committees he/she deems necessary to conduct the overall mission and program of the Detachment. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Commandant, and any committees thus established may be terminated at his/her discretion.
2. The Commandant is an ex-officio member of all committees and has voting privileges.
3. Standing committees may be established, changed, or abolished by amendment.
4. Standing committees may include, but are not limited to, Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee, Nominating Committee, MOY/AOY Committee, and the Awards Committee.

SECTION 310 – Financial Review Committee

1. The Finance Review Committee shall consist of at least two regular members in good standing and shall be appointed by the Detachment Commandant.
2. The Detachment Junior Past Commandant shall be the Chair of the Finance Committee. If the Junior Past Commandant is not available, the committee shall elect a Chair.
3. A financial review of the Detachment's financial records shall be conducted at least once per fiscal year.
4. There will also be a financial review whenever the position of Detachment Paymaster is vacated for any reason.

SECTION 320 – Bylaws Committee

1. The Bylaws Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) regular detachment members who are in good standing, appointed by the Detachment Commandant and approved by the Executive Board.
2. The committee will review all proposed changes to the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as described in SECTION 210 4 d.
3. The Judge Advocate shall serve as the committee chair.
 - a. In this capacity the Judge Advocate will review all Detachment meeting minutes and, in the event that a motion is passed necessitating a change in the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, properly frame the motion, determine where the change shall be inserted, and provide this information to the Detachment as described in Section 400.
 - b. The Judge Advocate shall convene a meeting of the Bylaws Committee as necessary to review all proposed changes and prepare a report of those changes which were approved and those changes which were not approved by the committee.
 - c. The Judge advocate shall present the approved changes to the Detachment for consideration of adoption at the next Detachment meeting.
 - d. Those changes not approved by the committee may be presented by the originator, or an interested party, for discussion and consideration by Detachment members.

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- e. The Judge Advocate shall submit all changes to the Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which were approved by the Detachment to the Department Judge Advocate for final approval.
4. The committee will prepare, and present, all proposed amendments, along with the rationale for said proposed amendments, to the detachment members at a regularly scheduled, or called, detachment meeting.
5. Detachment Bylaws may be changed by amendment at a regular, or called meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Detachment members attending said meeting, provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to the Judge Advocate and shall have been read at a preceding meeting.
6. A period for discussion may be set by motion, at the expiration of which a show of hands will indicate acceptance, or rejection, of the proposed amendment.
7. In accordance with the National By-Laws, any amendments must be approved by the
8. Department Judge Advocate before they take effect.

SECTION 330 – Nominating Committee

1. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of at least two (2) regular members, appointed by the Detachment Commandant, who are in good standing.
2. The Detachment Junior Past Commandant shall be a member of the committee and serve as its Chair.
3. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least two months prior to the annual Election of Officers and prepare a slate of nominees for each elected officer position.
4. This slate of nominees shall be presented to the membership by the Committee Chair at the regularly scheduled detachment meeting each May, during which the Election, and installation, of Officers shall be held.

SECTION 340 – Awards Committee

1. The Awards Committee shall consist of three (3) regular members who are in good standing.
2. The Senior Vice Commandant shall be a committee member and serve as the Chair.
3. The attending members may elect an Acting Chair in the event of his/her absence at any meeting.
4. The Awards Committee shall provide information to the Detachment of any awards that may be made, and the rules regarding such awards, and shall approve/disapprove all requests for awards made by the Detachment and/or individuals.

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SECTION 350 – MOY/AMOY Committee

1. The committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the Detachment Marine of the Year in good standing.
2. The most recent recipient of the award will be the committee chairman.
3. All committee meetings shall be closed. Only committee members shall be present.
4. All members of the committee are obligated to secrecy and will not divulge any information about nominees or the voting.
5. The committee chairman will present the award.
6. Submission of a Nominee for Detachment Marine of the Year
 - a. Nomination letters will be submitted to the chairman of the Marine of the Year
 - b. Letters of nomination should be as detailed as possible, noting any special accomplishments. Documentary proof, affidavits, or photos may be submitted.
 - c. The nominee shall:
 - i. Be a Regular Member in good standing of Unicoi Detachment 783.
 - ii. Believe in the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was chartered.
 - iii. Be active in the affairs of the Detachment.
 - iv. Be active in community affairs.
 - d. If there are no qualified nominees, no award will be presented.
7. Submission of a Nominee for Detachment Associate Member of the Year
 - a. Nomination letters will be submitted to the chairman of the Marine of the Year
 - b. Letters of nomination should be as detailed as possible, noting any special accomplishments. Documentary proof, affidavits, or photos may be submitted.
 - c. The nominee shall:
 - i. Be an Associate Member in good standing of Unicoi Detachment 783.
 - ii. Believe in the principles upon which the Marine Corps League was chartered.
 - iii. Be active in the affairs of the Detachment.
 - iv. Be active in community affairs.
 - v. If there are no qualified nominees, no award will be presented.

SECTION 360 – Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, in good standing, appointed by the Department Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees.
2. The three (3) Finance Committee members shall consist of three (3) Regular Members in good standing in good standing.
3. The Department Senior Vice Commandant shall serve as the Chairman and the Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster shall serve as an advisor but may not be a voting member of the committee. Each member shall be appointed to a one (1) year term and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
4. The primary purpose of the Finance Committee is to oversee the financial welfare of the Detachment, provide feedback and recommendations to the Detachment's Board of

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Trustees and the Detachment’s membership. This will include the preparation and presentation of an annual budget, which shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for review no later than May 31st.

5. The approved proposed budget shall be presented to the Detachment membership during the July Detachment Meeting where it shall be voted on for approval.

SECTION 370 – Grant Committee

1. The Grant Committee shall be a standing committee and consist of at least three (3) members, in good standing, appointed by the Department Commandant and approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - a. Grant Committee members shall consist of both Regular and/or Associate Members.
 - b. Each member shall be appointed to a one (1) year term and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
 - c. The committee shall elect a committee member as its Chairman/Chairperson for a one (1) year term and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
 - d. The Detachment Commandant shall serve as the ex-officio of the committee, may attend all meetings, express opinions, and cast votes.
2. The Detachment Paymaster shall serve as an advisor to the committee.
3. The Grant Committee is authorized to review requests for financial assistance, determine eligibility, determine the amount of assistance to be provided, and authorize the payment.
 - a. Funds allocated for said use(s) should solely benefit veterans, their families and/or veteran-specific programs and follow the guidelines set forth by the Grantor.
 - b. The Grant Committee is authorized to approve expenditures up to \$500.00. Any request greater than \$500 must first be reviewed by the detachment’s Board of Trustees and then approved by the detachment’s membership either by regular meeting, specially called meeting or via email. Emails will be sent out with a 48 hour deadline for voting. After 48 hours has passed a simple majority will be used to either proceed or deny the request.
 - c. In conjunction with the Paymaster, the Committee shall provide financial reports and information to Grantors as required by the Grantors.

In conjunction with the Paymaster, the Committee shall provide a monthly financial report pertaining to all grants to the Detachment Commandant and Board of Trustees.

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Article Four – Amendments

SECTION 400 – Amendments.

1. Detachment Bylaws may be amended at either a regular, or specially called, detachment meeting, by a two-thirds majority of regular members in good standing, provided that the proposed amendment was submitted in writing to the Detachment Judge Advocate and read at a preceding Detachment meeting as outlined in Section 320, Part 3.
2. A period for discussions may be set by motion, at the expiration of which a show of hands will indicate acceptance or rejection.
3. In accordance with National Bylaws, any/all amendments must be approved by the Department Judge Advocate before they take effect.

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Article Five – Dissolution

SECTION 500 – Dissolution

1. Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purposes.
2. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized or operated exclusively for such purposes.